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COLONY BUDGET SURPRISE; NO INCREASE IN TAXATION; HIGH COST OF DEFENCE

HONG KONG'S BUDGET for 1940-41 will be presented in the Legislative Council by the Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. Sydney Caine, to-morrow afternoon.

An important change, in its effect on the Budget figures, is proposed in the financial year, which will end on March 31 in future. This year's Estimates, therefore, are for a 15-months' period, to March 31, 1941.

No provision is made in the Budget Estimates for any increase in taxation, or for the introduction of any new forms of taxation.

Warning is given that if conditions worsen, possibilities of increases will have to be considered, but no mention is made of any special effort by the Colony for war purposes, and it is presumed that any decision in this matter will be met by a Special War Budget or by a special tax resolution later in the year.

Government is budgeting for a deficit over the 15-months' period of just over \$300,000, with Estimated Revenue at \$49,861,470 and Estimated Expenditure at \$50,188,178.

Revised Estimates for the year 1939, now drawing to a close, anticipate a Budget surplus of about \$65,000.

H.K. TO HAVE STATUE OF KING GEORGE VI

For the Centenary of the British Occupation of Hong Kong it is proposed to hold celebrations on a scale similar to that of the Jubilee of His Majesty King George the Fifth.

To mark the occasion it is proposed to erect a bronze statue, larger than life size, of His Majesty King George the Sixth in robes and crown. The statue will be sculptured by Mr. Gilbert Ledward, R.A., who was already done a bust of His Majesty.

LOW OPINION OF BOCHE ARTILLERY

Paris, To-day.

Some of the French units are back at resting bases after a fortnight's fighting in the Saar area.

They say that there has been heavy fighting with a terrific enemy artillery barrage, but that the German marksmanship is bad and the proportion of "dud" shells high.

Many units are using knives and forks captured in the French advance into German territory.—Reuter.

DEFENCE COSTS

It is revealed that during 1939, A.R.P. will cost the Colony \$1,600,000 instead of the anticipated \$338,065, that the H.K.V.D.C. cost will be \$460,000 instead of \$177,491, and that Charitable Services (relief of refugees) will cost \$1,700,000 instead of the estimated \$458,264.

The revised estimate of revenue in 1939 is \$40,475,248, an excess of \$4,377,923 over the original estimate of \$36,097,325, and of \$3,739,393 over the actual revenue of 1938.

Actual revenue (approximate) up to 31st August was 17.4% more than the proportionate amount of the estimate, based on normal seasonal distribution.

TRADE DIVERSION

The increase is principally due to the continued presence in the Colony of large numbers of persons, the majority of them self-supporting, who have taken refuge here from the disturbances in China; to the diversion to the Colony of manufacturing and other activities formerly carried on in Shanghai and other cities affected by the hostilities; and to the maintenance of the Colony's total trade at a level not much lower than that prevailing in 1938, in spite of the interruption of trade with near South China ports.

This increase in population and economic activity directly or indirectly affects most heads of revenue, especially liquor, tobacco and petrol duties rates, Post Office revenue and receipts from royalties payable by transport companies.

OUTGOINGS HIGHER TOO

The repercussions in the Colony of the situation in China have on the other hand caused further increases in expenditure and there have been other additional charges, particularly for defence. The Colony has had to maintain thousands of refugees while the hospitals have had many more patients to care for, the numbers being still further swollen by epidemics of smallpox and cholera.

Air Raid Precautions have called for expenditures, as foreshadowed last year, several times the amount provided in the Estimates. Up to the 14th September supplementary votes totalling \$5,061,237 had been approved by the Finance Committee, of these \$1,515,026 were for Air Raid Precautions, and \$678,800

NEW LINER IN CHANNEL EXPLOSION

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE ROYAL MAIL LINE'S MOTORSHIP "LOCHGOIL," (9,462 TONS), OUTWARD BOUND WITH CARGO, WAS DAMAGED OFF THE ENGLISH COAST YESTERDAY AS THE RESULT OF AN EXPLOSION.

None of the crew of 64 was injured. The "Lochgoil" is a comparatively new vessel, having been launched from Harland and Wolff's Glasgow yards in 1922.—Reuter.

for Charitable Services

Further additional expenditure was authorised by the Secretary of State and Legislative Council early in the year, when it became apparent that the financial position would be easier than had been feared when the Estimates for 1939 were approved, to provide for certain public works which had been cut out during the consideration of the Estimates in Council. Supplementary votes on account of these works amounted to \$1,478,109.

PREPARED BEFORE WAR

The larger population and continued disturbed conditions have resulted in many minor excesses in the votes of other Departments and the total revised estimate of expenditure is \$40,409,957, i.e. \$2,552,734 in excess of the approved estimate.

It is noted that the revised estimates of expenditure were prepared before (Continued on Page 20).

NEUTRALS' DEMARCHÉ POSSIBLE

Brussels, To-day.
M. Spaak said yesterday that a demarché might be made in Berlin by the neutral powers about the torpedoing of neutral shipping.—Reuter.

SWEDISH STEAMER TORPEDOED

London, To-day.
Another neutral ship has been sunk by a Nazi submarine.

She is the small Swedish steamer Vistula, 676 tons, with a crew of 18.

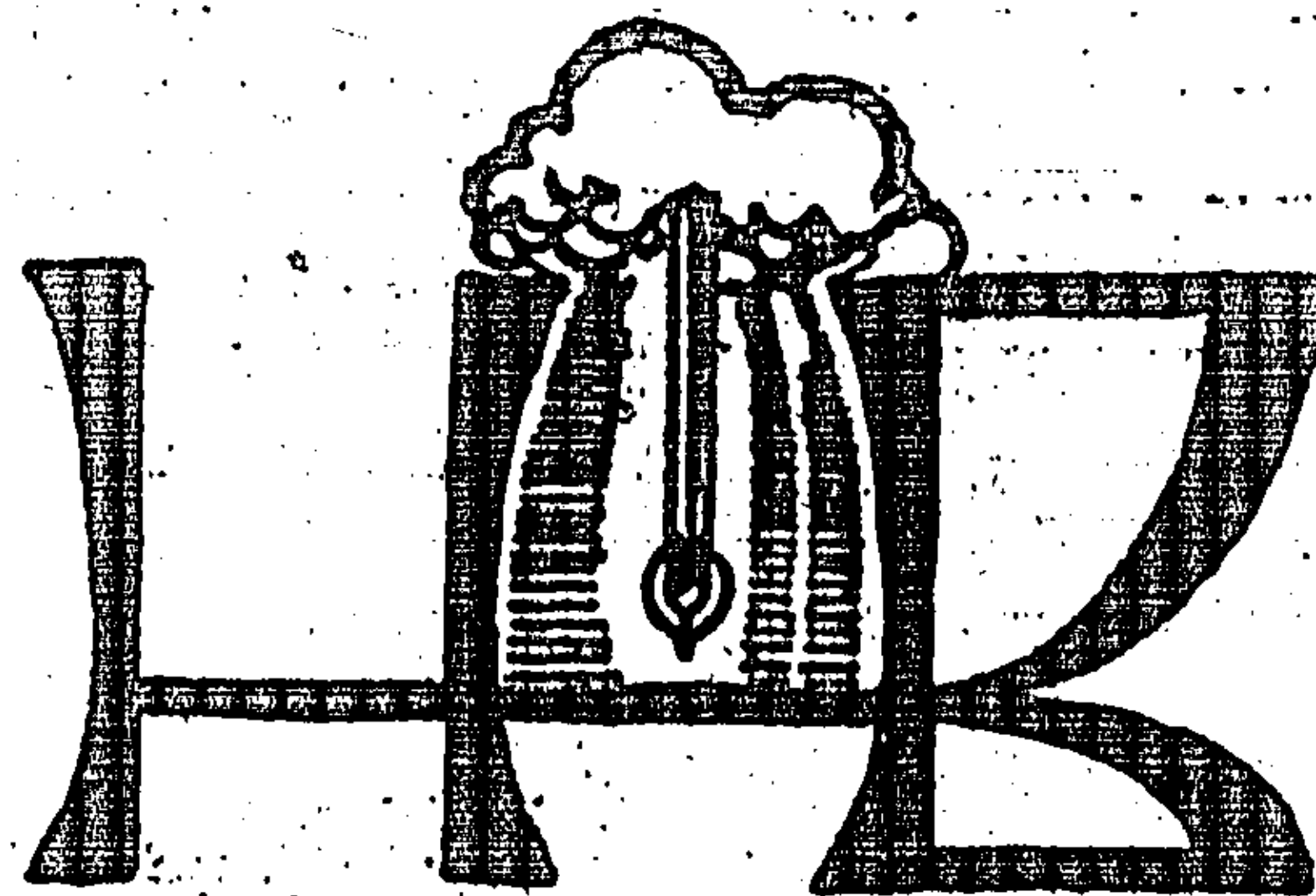
A U-boat came across her in the North Sea on Sunday and gave the crew 10 minutes to leave. The men were taken on board the U-boat and then put in their two lifeboats.

One boat has reached a northern port in Britain.

The other, which contains the captain and eight members of the crew, has not yet turned up. A lifeboat and other vessels are hunting for the missing boat in heavy seas.—Reuter.

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FRENCH SECRET 70-TON TANKS CRASH INTO GERMAN DEFENCES

SEVENTY-TON FRENCH TANKS, waddling forward like prehistoric monsters, have surprised the German High Command in the same way as when British tanks launched their first attack in 1916 and spread panic in the German armies, says the "Daily Express" Military Correspondent.

Their existence, it can be revealed now, was a secret kept even from the British General Staff until recently.

It was not believed that any practicable tank four times the size of the largest wartime tank could be devised, nor that it could mount, as these tanks do, a gun of the calibre of the French "75" — the equivalent of our field gun.

Built in secret, made on principles never before conceived, and armoured with a special type of steel, these tanks, now being used in considerable numbers, have been the force mainly responsible for the French advance on the whole front from the Moselle to the Vosges Mountains.

NELSON TOUCH

Anti-tank guns and rifles, even land mines, have proved as useless against them as were the rifle bullet and bomb against the ordinary tank in 1916.

They are like the Nelson or Hood to a light cruiser, compared with the tanks that the army staffs of the world were aware of a month or so ago. Almost all the German anti-tank defences have overlooked the possibility of such weapons.

These tanks have at least negated any surprise effect of the electrically fired German machineguns, whose existence was made known officially in a French communiqué.

French and British General Headquarters were well aware that the outposts of the Siegfried Line contained a multitude of machinegun pillboxes, operated electrically from a central control two miles behind, in the same manner as a battleship's guns are fired.

"PUSH THEM OVER"

The German belief was that these machine-gun nests would be able to decimate any infantry following up behind a barrage or a tank attack.

The new French tanks have proved themselves able to demolish these pillboxes, not only by direct fire from their "75" guns, but by pushing them over.

They may well be the cause which has forced the German High Command to withdraw so many divisions from Poland, and which has seen the German roads leading to the Western Front blocked for miles with troops.

PORTUGAL'S ALLIANCE POLICY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE REFERENCES TO THE ANGLO-PORTUGUESE ALLIANCE IN THE MESSAGE DELIVERED YESTERDAY BY THE PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT TO A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE PORTUGUESE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN WARMLY WELCOMED BY OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN LONDON.

Dr. Salazar's speech, with its expressions of friendship and fidelity to the Alliance, has given great satisfaction here, where the present attitude of the Portuguese Government meets with profound understanding.

The Portuguese Government's policy is held to be one which well serves the mutual interests of the British and Portuguese peoples.

President Carmona's friendly allusions to his recent visit to South Africa are noted with pleasure and, it is believed, will be highly appreciated in the Union itself.—British Wireless.

H.K. BOY NOW AN R.A.F. OFFICER

Word has just been received in the Colony to the effect that Mr. E. A. Gaubert, formerly of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s Hong Kong office, has been given a commission in the Royal Air Force.

Mr. Gaubert, who was in England on leave when war was declared, was educated at Central British School and was a Flight-Cadet in the Volunteer Air Arm, where he was considered one of the most promising pilots.

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BERLIN DELUDED BY RUMOURS OF ARMISTICE

London, To-day.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE in Berlin and other parts of Germany were deluded yesterday by rumours of an armistice.

First reports of the way in which these rumours swept through Berlin caused amusement and mystification in London when they arrived at about noon. But it was a pathetic story of the desire of thousands of people.

An American agency reports from Berlin that the false news of the armistice gained so much credence because it was what the German people so deeply want to hear.

It is difficult at the moment to establish what really happened.

Amongst the rumours were some to the effect that the British Government had resigned and His Majesty the King had abdicated! Others said that the Nazi Government had resigned.

It is impossible to say what started it all. Berlin sources which might be expected to give information failed to do so.

BRITAIN ACCUSED!

The bubble broke at 12.30 p.m., when the German wireless broadcast a special announcement that it was all untrue. The announcement made a ridiculous accusation against Great Britain. It declared that the "British Ministry of Lies" had perpetrated an "infamous swindle" in order to confuse public opinion in Britain and in neutral countries.

The British Secret Service spread the rumours!

The Foreign Office yesterday afternoon formally denied the German accusation, but this was hardly necessary, as the accusation was that it was an attempt to "confuse public opinion in Britain and in neutral countries" whereas the rumours came to life and died in Germany alone. — Reuter.

BRAZIL'S BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY

London, To-day.

It is understood in London that the Brazilian Minister to Poland is being instructed by his Government to take up his duties with the reconstituted Polish Government in France. — British Wireless.

ROOSEVELT NOT BITING

London, To-day.

At his press conference yesterday, President Roosevelt said that he had not received any proposals for peace or mediation in the war.

He did not think much of press reports stating that Hitler would welcome his proposals. — Reuter.

SOVIET TROOPS WITHDRAWING FROM LATVIAN FRONTIER

Riga, To-day.

Russian troops, including tanks and artillery, are gradually withdrawing from the Latvian border.

The Latvian government has ratified last Thursday's pact with Russia. — Reuter.

WORK OF THE ARMY

London, To-day.

The statement by the War Secretary on the work of the Army announced for Thursday will be made to-day. — British Wireless.

FISHERIES RESEARCH IN H.K.

A Fisheries Research station is to be established in Hong Kong.

Following an application from the Government in December, 1938, to the Colonial Development Advisory Committee, a grant of £10,000 from the Colonial Development Fund to cover the capital cost of the station was approved.

Running expenses will be provided from Hong Kong Government funds: these are estimated to amount to less than \$20,000 per annum.

The objects of the station would be to promote scientific knowledge of local fisheries with a view to increasing the production of this important local industry, and to diffuse among the public a general knowledge of the value or otherwise of various species of fish as articles of diet.

In addition the recreational attractions of the aquarium, particularly for tourists, would not be overlooked, and a part of the running expenses would, it is hoped, be recovered from admission fees.

DEATH OF MR. FOK CHI-TING

REPUTED TO BE ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST CHINESE RESIDENTS IN SOUTH CHINA, MR. FOK CHI-TING, WELL-KNOWN IN CHINESE BUSINESS CIRCLES, DIED AT THE FRENCH HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT.

The funeral will take place to-morrow.

Mr. Fok began life as a buyer and seller of old and second-hand goods. In this business he made a small fortune as he was very thrifty.

Later in life he started a chain of gambling establishments in Canton and Macao. The former Shumchun Casino also belonged to him.

He is survived by seven sons, one of which, Mr. Fok Po-choi, is assistant manager of the Bank of Canton.

DELIA IN ACCIDENT

It was learned this afternoon that in taking off from Fort Bayard for Hanoi this morning, the Imperial Airways liner, Delia, which had left Kai Tak at 7.20 a.m. had a mishap damaged a wing and her undercarriage.

The pilot was Capt. L. J. M. White. It is understood that no one was injured in the crash.

A relief plane is being sent from Bangkok to pick up the mails.

Mr. W. B. Harries, of the s.s. Malayan Prince, has reported the theft of two rolled-gold watches, valued at \$75 between 2 p.m. on Monday and 7.30 a.m. yesterday.

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VAST TRANSFERS OF GERMANS CONTEMPLATED: AND OF CZECHS TO RUSSIA!

Zurich, To-day.

HITLER, IT IS BELIEVED, is prepared to make vast transfers of Germans from the Danube countries in accordance with the plan of a Nazi "theorist."

According to this theorist's plans, Czechs will be sent to Soviet Russia and replaced by Germans from Rumania. Germans from Hungary will also be transferred.

The Berlin correspondent of a Danish paper sends a similar report and adds that Russia has agreed to the evacuation. The extent is unknown.

Meanwhile, the evacuation from Latvia and Estonia continues.

Most of them are land-owners who are reported to be not only indignant at leaving their native homes but also angered by the fact that their vital space will now be occupied by Bolsheviks.

A Danish paper gives an interview with a Danish businessman from Riga. He said that 80,000 Germans in Latvia must leave before November 1.

FUGITIVES!

The businessman, who controls one of the largest import and export firms in Riga, says that the Germans regard themselves as fugitives from the advancing Bolsheviks!

The Latvian Government ordered the closing of all jewellery stores which the Germans, who are only allowed to take about 10 shillings out of the country, were besieging.

When the jewellery stores were closed, they turned to the clothing shops, and on Monday it was hardly possible to buy a single article of clothing.—Reuter.

CONGRESS ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

London, To-day.

The All-India Congress Committee yesterday adopted the Congress Working Committee's resolution by 188 votes to 58.

The resolution expressed approval of the statement which the working committee issued on September 14, which condemned Nazi aggression and calls on the British Government to define its war and peace aims to make clear Britain's intention to apply the principle of self-determination to India.

Amendments by Congress Socialists and Left-Wing members were defeated by a large majority. These would have made Congress stand by its past decisions concerning war and refuse to pledge anything in advance in the present war.

DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED

Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India, is continuing his discussions with Indian political leaders of all shades of political opinion.

The "Star of India," the only Moslem daily, commenting on the resolution, says that Britain will find, as she has always found that there is a loyal section in India, apart from the Princes, who regard India as at war with Germany.—Reuter.

BRITISH PURCHASES IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney, To-day.

The Minister of Commerce announces the sale of 7,500,000 bushels of last season's wheat to Britain.

Britain will also buy 2,500,000 bushels of flour.—Reuter.

INDIA TO SEND DELEGATE

London, To-day.

The Government of India has accepted the United Kingdom Government's invitation to send a representative to participate in the forthcoming discussions with Dominion Ministers in London.

The Indian representative will be Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan.—Reuter.

NAZI CONFESSION OF WEAKNESS: BALTIC TREACHERY

London, To-day.

DEVELOPMENTS IN North-East Europe, arising from the new relations established between the Nazi and Soviet systems, and affecting Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and now Finland, are seen in London as affording renewed evidence of the complete cynicism of the present rulers of Germany.

And of their disregard of principle or even of their own past professions.

By their efforts to secure from Russia a favourable or at least an indifferent attitude in the war with the Western Powers to which their policy of military adventure has led, the Nazi chiefs have involved themselves in a most unheroic abandonment of past claims to exercise control in the Baltic and to be the Protector of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania from Bolshevism.

SIGN OF WEAKNESS

To these States, which in the past the Nazis have proclaimed to lie within the German sphere of cultural influence, the Berlin Government's attitude to the advance of Soviet influence must appear as an act of treachery, but the outside world will be struck chiefly by its significance as a demonstration of Germany's weakness.

GRANDIOSE ASSUMPTIONS

It is, indeed, a matter for surprised comment among observers here that the Nazi Government has been ready so soon to accept an adjustment of the grandiose assumptions upon which Hitler must have started his war of aggression, and to face the necessity of jettisoning much which they must once have believed to be secure, in order to seek to avert disaster.—British Wireless.

PLAN IN SPLIT BILL REJECTED

Washington, To-day.

The United States Senate yesterday rejected a plan to split the neutrality bill into two parts—to separate the arms embargo clause from the cash and carry clause—by 65 votes to 28.

This is not regarded as a test of sentiment on either section of the bill.—Reuter.

To-morrow's programme at the Y's Men's Club luncheon at the St. Francis Hotel will include a talk by Miss Mavis Ming of the Women's League of Health, her subject being "The Way to Health." It being Ladies' Day, members are specially requested to bring their wives and lady friends.

RAEDER OFFERS RESIGNATION

Paris, To-day.

Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy, has offered his resignation as a protest against Joachim von Ribbentrop's errors in the Baltic.

Hitler has refused to accept the resignation, says the paper.—Reuter.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

A 26-year-old married woman, Chan Lal, and a shop fook, Li Wo, 32, were remanded by Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen this morning for one week when charged with soliciting, encouraging, persuading or endeavouring to persuade, or proposing to Ng Kwong and Ng Hoi, to murder Mak Chuen between September 20 and October 8. They were also charged with the possession of two files for an unlawful purpose.

Chief Detective Inspector A.E. Carey is in charge of the case.

MURDER SUSPECTED

Murder is suspected as the result of the discovery of a dead body in a nullah in Castle Peak Road this morning.

The body was wrapped in gunny sacks; the mouth was gagged with grass, and the police believe that it was placed there during the night.

No means of identification was found on the body, which is now in the Kowloon Public Mortuary.

SEVERAL FINNISH TOWNS PARTIALLY EVACUATED

Helsingfors, To-day.

BETWEEN 9,000 AND 10,000 people have already left towns and villages in Finland near the Soviet frontier. Several large Finnish towns, including Helsingfors and Viborg, have been partially evacuated.

A black-out was held on Monday night. The Finnish Government says that these were only precautionary measures, but that they will become compulsory if necessary.

An official statement declares that Finland has not mobilized but that merely certain positions have been taken up in view of the need for maintaining Finnish integrity. In the negotiations with Moscow, Finland will maintain her neutrality.

The Government adds that it knows nothing about reported Soviet concentrations along the border; there were none on Monday, but there might be some on Wednesday.

It is pointed out that many permanent Soviet positions are near Leningrad, which is only 25 miles from the border.—Reuter.

HAVAS MESSAGE

London, To-day.

A Havas message from Moscow says it is unlikely that Russia wants a protectorate in Finland, but she is expected to ask for joint control of the Aaland Islands and certain other islands in and at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland.—Reuter.

SWEDISH INTEREST

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish newspapers are taking a very deep interest in Finland.

One writer says that Russia would be made to look before she

leapt if the Northern Countries had to make their future policy depend on the treatment given to Finland.

Other papers say that the Swedish Navy should be strengthened without delay.—Reuter.

SHEKKI SITUATION OBSCURE

Macao, To-day.

Communications between Shek-ki and Macao have not yet been re-established. Vernacular reports state that skirmishes between the Japanese and the Chinese continue.—Our Own Correspondent.

PREMIER SEES KING

London, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, was received by the King last night.—Reuter.

Mr. E. Braga, of No. 4, Braga Circus, Kowloon Tong, has lost a telescope lens, worth \$130, which was stolen from his car in the garage.

FINLAND PREPARES TO RESIST MOSCOW THREATS: OUTLOOK FELT TO BE GRAVE

Moscow, To-day.
THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT has sent troops, ships and aircraft to the new bases in the Baltic States, and hundreds of thousands of troops are now reported to be along the border of Finland. A whole armada of warships is reported to be concentrated at the Soviet base of Kronstadt, in the Gulf of Finland. — Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day.
About a quarter of the inhabitants of Helsinki are being voluntarily evacuated to-day, and a further quarter on Thursday.

There is at present nothing to cause alarm, well-informed sources here say.

There are no Soviet troop concentrations yet but the regular Soviet garrisons are possibly being reinforced to-day. — Reuter.

HELINSKI WARNED

Helsingfors, To-day.
Finland has called up her reservists and householders in Helsingfors have been warned to complete all preparations for protection against air-attacks by Thursday evening. — Reuter.

WILL RESIST CONCESSIONS

Washington, To-day.
In an official statement, the Finnish Minister in Washington yesterday stated that his country was willing to negotiate with Soviet Russia but would resist any military concessions.

DETERMINED

Helsingfors, To-day.
The Finnish Minister of Education said yesterday that Finland is now many times stronger than in 1920 and was determined to rely on her own strength.

A Swedish correspondent here yesterday remarked on the calm and determined expressions of patriotism and the comment that there are enough Finns and enough courage to defend the country. — Reuter.

SWEDEN'S DECISION

Stockholm, To-day.
Sweden has decided to return to the Colours all soldiers due to be discharged next Sunday.

The Scandinavian papers are almost all agreed that Soviet Russia aims at dominating army, naval and air bases, so that she can get complete mastery of the Baltic. — Reuter.

SITUATION GRAVE

Helsingfors, To-day.
The Finnish Government last night stated that it considered the situation grave because of the attitude of Soviet Russia to the coming negotiations. — Reuter.

MOSCOW DENIAL

Moscow, To-day.
There is no reliable information in Moscow about the reported concentrations against Finland and Finnish circles in Moscow profess to know nothing about it. — Reuter.

MASS EVACUATION

Stockholm, To-day.
The Finnish Government has decided to effect the voluntary evacuation of certain towns, notably Helsingfors, Viborg, Tammerfors and Aabo, as from to-day, "in view of the gravity of the situation."

This is according to a telegram from Helsingfors. — Reuter.

INTERNMENT CAMPS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE FACT THAT THERE ARE SIX INTERNMENT CAMPS IN USE IN ENGLAND AND THAT 837 PERSONS WERE INTERNED THEREIN AS ENEMY ALIENS WAS REVEALED BY THE HOME UNDER-SECRETARY, CAPT. O. PEAKE, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The interned persons include those resident in England at the outbreak of war, persons of enemy nationality who had arrived at ports after outbreak of war, and the crews of captured ships. — Reuter.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.
Enemy patrols on the Western Front were very active, especially in the area west and east of the Saar, according to yesterday morning's French war communique.

For 72 hours, the Germans had been seeking for the French gun emplacements directing fire on German lines. — Reuter.

SEVERAL RAIDS

Paris, To-day.
Last night's French war communique stated: "There was very great activity on the part of enemy reconnaissance units between the Moselle and the Saar."

"In this region have repulsed several raids, some of which involved fairly important effects." — Reuter.

ESTHONIAN GOVT. RESIGNS

Stockholm, To-day.
The Esthonian Government resigned on Sunday evening and a new government has been formed. — Reuter.

DIRECT ACTION MAY BE NECESSARY

Brussels, To-day.

The seven Oslo Powers have postponed indefinitely their conference to discuss neutrality and other war questions.

The postponement was decided upon when some nations said that developments might be such that direct action by the countries concerned might be necessary. — Reuter.

CHINA'S CURRENCY

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

IT IS LEARNED THAT THE MAIN OBJECT OF THE VISIT TO CHUNGKING BY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR, CONCERNS CHINA'S CURRENCY.

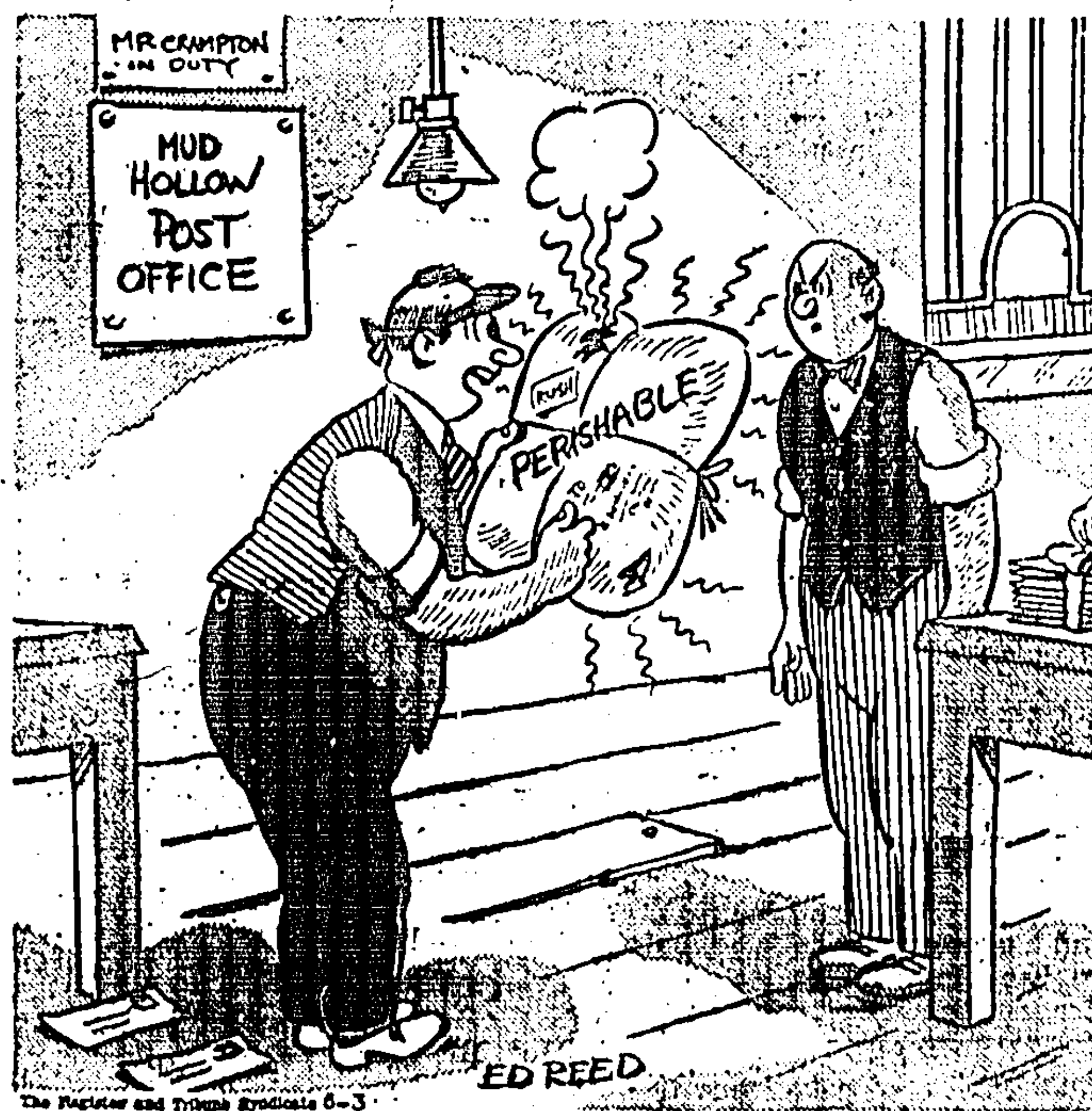
It is understood that discussions between the Finance Ministry and the British envoy will take place this week, after Sir Archibald's conference with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. — Our Own Correspondent.

BUDGET PASSED

London, To-day.
The House of Commons has adopted the third reading of the budget. — Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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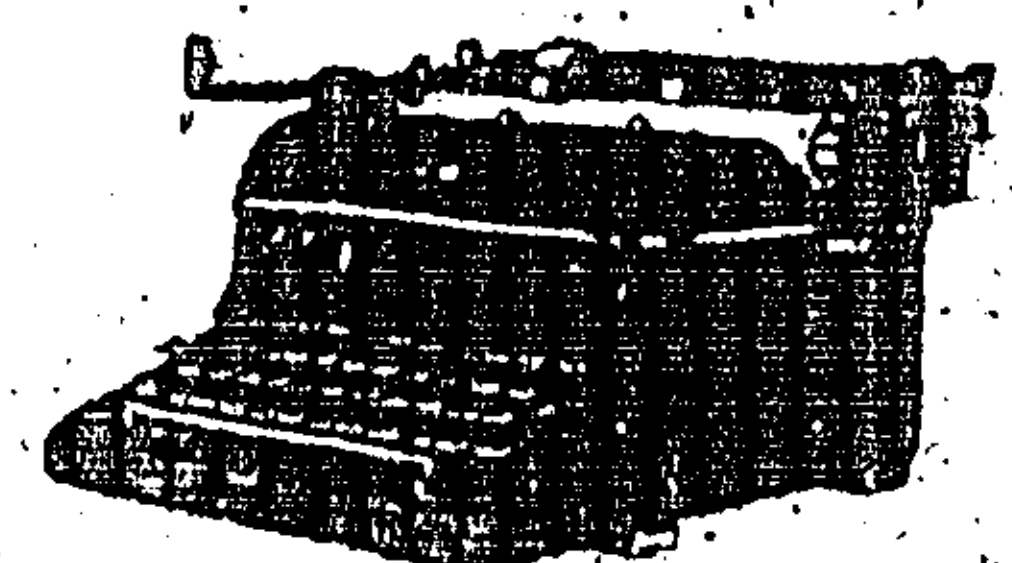
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HITLER THE GREAT I AM

Paris, To-day.

Hitler may arrive on the Western Front this week to assume supreme command of the armies, according to rumours from neutral sources which state that Goering would afterwards be charged with active command on Hitler's behalf, and rank above General Brauchitsch, the present commander-in-chief.

It is said that Hitler's own plan for a lightning war could then be adopted instead of the General Staff's plan which has been ready for years and kept up to date as the French and German fortifications systems progressed. — Reuter.

HITLER'S "OFFER" REJECTED: FRENCH PRIME MINISTER MAKES ATTITUDE CLEAR

Paris, To-day.

FRANCE AND BRITAIN are solidly united and are determined to continue the war against Hitlerism till victory, was the keynote of a speech by M. Daladier, the French Premier, which was broadcast last evening.

The Allies, he said, were mistresses of the sea and "history shows that those who hold the sea are always victorious."

"But," he went on, "Britain does not stop at giving us the support of her Fleet, nor at the daily employment in active operations of more and more airmen, but is rapidly sending her splendid youth, and robust material."

In certain French districts, when the German wireless was nursing a vain campaign to separate France and Britain and alleging that Britain wished to wage war with the blood of Frenchmen, the voice of the announcer was drowned by the uninterrupted rumble of convoys of British soldiers and guns towards our frontiers.

The event destroyed many other attempts at enemy propaganda.

OBLIGED TO FIGHT

Neither France nor Britain, said M. Daladier, had entered the war in a spirit of conquest. They were obliged to fight because German domination was being forced on Europe.

Hitler's speech means: "I have conquered Poland. I am satisfied. Let us stop the struggle and organise peace."

Unfortunately, M. Daladier declared, we have heard all this before. He proceeded to recount Hitler's previous broken promises, and said: If we really want a peace that will restore confidence we must fight against force and for the honest negotiation of the rights and interests of all nations.

SURE GUARANTEES

"We shall not lay down our arms until we have sure guarantees of security that cannot be placed in jeopardy every six months."

Every Frenchman understood, he went on, that his country would be doomed to destruction if he had to face a similar trial to that which they were now undergoing in a few months' time and if they had to fight against a yet stronger act of aggression after demobilising their forces.

COMMUNISTS ATTACKED

M. Daladier declared that a few weeks ago, the Communist chiefs had not been able to find words harsh enough to besmirch the French Government's efforts for peace.

They announced that they would lead the fight against Hitler for liberty and the Fatherland.

But the Bolsheviks had only to discover that their interests lay in coming to an agreement with the Nazis and to share Poland with them, for these new Jacobins to make an apology for a treasonable peace.

FRENCH BROTHERHOOD

"But we Frenchmen will never think of confusing the French worker, whatever their political opinions, with the

D.F.C. FOR AIR FORCE OFFICERS

London, To-day.

His Majesty the King has approved the award of the D.F.C. (Distinguished Flying Cross) to Flying Officer (acting Flight Lieutenant) K. C. Dorran and Flying Officer Andrew Macpherson for distinguished and dangerous work in attacks and reconnaissance over enemy territory.

Dorran, who is 26, was in the raid on German warships at Kiel, while Macpherson, who is 21, was in the reconnaissance flights which led up to the raid.

The "London Gazette" says that early in September Dorran made a low-flying attack against an enemy cruiser in the face of heavy gunfire and despite bad weather. He pressed home the low-flying attack with great daring.

Macpherson made a series of reconnaissance flights and once, owing to bad weather, had to fly close to the enemy coast-line at a low altitude. These flights made possible a successful raid on enemy forces. — Reuter.

GERMAN MISSION TO AFGHANISTAN

Istanbul, To-day.

A German economic mission to Afghanistan has arrived here. — Reuter.

For stealing 10 flower pots from the residence of Mr. M. W. Lo, local solicitor, in Robinson Road yesterday morning. So Chi, 28, unemployed, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards this morning.

men who sought to abuse and betray them. On the contrary, it was with even stronger faith in the people of France that we appeal to the French brotherhood to weather the ordeals, to conquer the dangers, and to fight for the hearths and homes of the civilisation which made us free human beings." — Reuter.

EFFRONTERY OF HITLER'S PROPOSALS

London, To-day.

The British press continues to discuss the Hitler peace offensive and to indicate the rising tide of public disdain and indignation at the effrontery of Hitler's proposals.

Nothing has occurred to change the official view—that the proposals will be closely examined in conjunction with the Dominions and with France. — Reuter.

HIS OWN DETECTIVE

"Sentence will be considered with the help you may give the police," said Mr. E. Himsforth this morning to Ho Kwai-sang, 23, who was charged with stealing a leather case, containing private papers, from Mr. J. M. Jack's car.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuting, said that Mr. Jack found the case missing after he came out from his house only about half a minute. He notified the police and, himself searching in Kowloon Tong, saw accused carrying the case.

Accused was remanded for further enquiries and further charges may be brought against him.

ALLIES DO NOT HAVE TO FORMULATE WAR AIMS, SAYS NEW YORK

New York, To-day.

YESTERDAY'S AMERICAN papers discussed Mr. Chamberlain's statement that the British and French Governments are completely agreed on the purposes for which they entered the war but that later it might be considered whether their aims should be stated more specifically.

The "New York Times," for instance, says that Britain and France have the advantage of an immensely superior cause.

But in the present extraordinary situation, there are special difficulties which handicap any effort of theirs to state their war aims in precise and unequivocal language.

The "New York Herald Tribune" says that Hitler's basic position is much weaker and he is now trying to gain a victory without bloodshed over Britain and France.

To meet a peace offensive of that character, the Allies do not have to formulate aims or to offer terms. They are on the defensive. These terms must come from the other side; it is unlikely they will come. — Reuter.

HITLER SHOUTS DEFIANCE

London, To-day.

Hitler broadcast to the German people yesterday afternoon, at the inauguration of the German winter relief campaign.

He said that no power in the world would be able to defeat "this Germany." No power in the world could defeat them militarily or morally.

He had gone a long way to raise Germany from the destruction of Versailles. The way before them could not be harder than it had been up to now.

They developed their ideology in war and in war it would prove itself. If the other nations chose war, they would have a "life or death" war.

It must be possible for the German people to shape their lives according to their will. Germany would go on until she was able to claim part of the wealth of the world to which she was entitled. — Reuter.

"OUR ETERNAL DESTINY"

Hitler made some vehement references to the general war position.

One thing is sure, no power in this world will be able to defeat this Germany militarily or morally, he declared. Whatever happens they will not see German capitulation. What the world chooses it will receive.

Appealing for winter relief, Hitler said that sacrifices at home were as nothing compared to those at the front.

A new and stronger community will arise.

This is the reply to the stupidity abroad which thinks to undermine our people.

All measures have been taken to obliterate class differences. The firmness of our determination to accept sacrifices the more certain our attainment of the peace we need.

If others choose war they will have a war of life and death.

Nothing can stop us from realising our eternal destiny. — Reuter.

NEW ITALIAN BATTLESHIP

Rome, Oct. 3

Newest addition to the Italian Fleet, the Imperio, 35,000-ton battleship, is to be launched this month at Genoa. — Havas.

BELGIUM'S READINESS

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian Minister of National Defence gave a reassuring report on armaments to the Senatorial Committee on National Defence yesterday.

The supply of artillery and ammunition was satisfactory, he said, and so was the output of the munitions factories. — Reuter.

R.A.F. WAR ACTIVITIES

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD'S SURVEY: DOUBLING OUTPUT

London, To-day.

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, Secretary of State for Air, made his expected statement in Parliament yesterday on the work of the R.A.F. since war broke out.

Recruitment, he said, remained on a voluntary basis, and the response was magnificent. Training organisation had been expanded on a vast scale, and experience showed that our fighter machines were definitely better than the German craft.

When war broke out, plans for immediate increased production were put into effect. The rate of production would soon be more than twice the considerable figure already reached.

Continuing his promised statement on the Royal Air Force in the House of Commons, Sir Kingsley Wood, Air Minister, said: "The work is silent and normally unspectacular."

"During the first four weeks of the war, this Command flew on reconnaissance, anti-submarine and convoy patrols, a distance of approximately 1,000,000 miles and provided air escorts for over 100 convoys."

"Our air escorts also have often been able to give warning of the approach of enemy craft and the presence of submarines from ranges far beyond the vision of surface craft."

"The value of the work performed must not be gauged by attacks alone."

AIR DETERRENT

"We have confirmed from prisoners' statements that the mere presence of aircraft is sufficient to make a submarine submerge and remain submerged and that the presence of an air escort often prevents a submarine commander from attacking a convoy."

"Almost daily there have been clashes with the enemy and units of the coastal command are successfully carrying out a service vital to our war effort."

After again referring to reconnaissance over Germany Sir Kingsley Wood said that hundreds of hours of flying have been recorded.

MAPPING DEFENCES

Vital military information had been gained and units had familiarised themselves with the country.

Augmenting his reference to mapping the Siegfried Line, Sir Kingsley Wood said: "A few days ago, aircraft taking off from an aerodrome in France, covered the whole length of Germany from the Saar to the North Sea and flew on to Heligoland, all without serious opposition, and then made a safe landing home in England."

Long reconnaissance flights of a thousand miles or so have been carried out at night under weather conditions of great difficulty. "The distribution of messages to the German people over large areas of enemy territory which has been combined with successful reconnaissance, have been of considerable value in giving information to the people of Germany," Sir Kingsley Wood added.

HEAVY SLEEPERS

"A number of these messages had recently been found in the possession of German prisoners notwithstanding the pains and penalties threatened against persons who picked up such communications."

Sir Kingsley Wood referred to the German official bulletin which stated that Berlin citizens slept quietly

through the British flights over Berlin and said: "Our airmen on their return spoke of firing and searchlights encountered so we can only conjecture that the people of Berlin must be very heavy sleepers. For some time now, the Royal Air Force has been established in France alongside gallant French squadrons."

"Everywhere they have been received with kindness and hospitality."

The moving of squadrons to France with all the associated equipment had proceeded with the greatest smoothness."

OTHER COMMANDS

Sir Kingsley Wood said that on some other occasion he would tell the House of the valuable and devoted work done by other commands including overseas commands in the Mediterranean, Middle East, Iraq, India and the Far East.

Referring to recruitment and equipment, Sir Kingsley said said that during the first fortnight of the war 10,000 men were accepted for service as pilots, crews and maintenance personnel.

Training and organisation had been expanded on a large scale to produce further large numbers of pilots, observers and air gunners required.

"All sorts of claims have been made in German reports as to the numbers of our aircraft shot down."

"Of course we must have our casualties. Some German claims have been accurate and others grossly exaggerated."

MYTHICAL RAID

Referring to the "mysterious affair at Friedrichshaven" Sir Kingsley said: "Neither the French nor ourselves were responsible for this mythical raid."

Referring to aircraft strengths, Sir Kingsley said "The R.A.F. is ready to strike and strike hard and at any time to make its full and effective contribution to winning the war."

We have built up aircraft production on broad foundations.

At the outbreak of war the rate of production represented an achievement unprecedented in this country in time of peace.

DOUBLE PRODUCTION

Now our factories are every day increasing their labour force.

New factories are also nearly completed and fresh sub-contractors being enlisted.

In due course this will mean that the rate of production will be more than twice the considerable figure now reached.

The War Cabinet has made a fresh examination of the whole position and

PREMIER'S SPEECH POSTPONED

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the Prime Minister would make his weekly statement on Thursday, instead of on Wednesday.

This is to allow time for fuller consultation with the Dominion governments.—Reuter.

authority has been given and it is being put into immediate effect to ensure considerably increased facilities against the possible effects of enemy action.

We are acting also in full co-operation with France in many of our productive plans.

GREAT STRIDES

Military aviation and production in France have recently made great strides and much mutual advantage has been gained by a full and free interchange of experience and ideas."

Referring to Dominion co-operation, Sir Kingsley said: "Nothing has given us greater encouragement than the keen desire of all parts of the Empire to play an effective part in air defence."

"I am thinking not only of the Dominions and India, but of the Colonies."

EMPIRE STRENGTH

"To-day the whole strength of the Empire is being marshalled and there is no doubt that the great dominion effort of 25 years ago will be largely exceeded in the present conflict."

Sir Kingsley announced the rapid expansion of training school facilities in Canada, Australia and New Zealand and young men trained would join either the Air Force squadrons in one theatre of operation or British R.A.F. units.

This undertaking was one of great magnitude and its development would result in a very great and rapid increase in the number of training schools.

A mission from England headed by Lord Riverdale, who was aided by specially selected technical staff, was already on its way to Canada to meet corresponding missions from Australia and New Zealand.

These missions would discuss with the Canadian authorities all further steps to be taken for the rapid execution of the undertaking.

"For various reasons the Government of South Africa does not consider this scheme of air training applicable to the circumstances of the Union and they consider their air force personnel should receive their full training at home."

"I, however, am authorised to say that the Union authorities intend to make their training as complete as possible and expand their air forces to the fullest extent of their resources."

STRIKING EFFORTS

After remarking that the Dominions had already made individual contributions of a gallant and striking character, Sir Kingsley said that the arrangements referred to were a notable illustration of the manner in which members of the Commonwealth could bring to bear the full weight of their might and their individual resources to secure the achievement of a common purpose and the success of a common cause.

"I am sure the House would like to join with the Government in paying tribute to the vision and imagination of Dominion statesmen who have so promptly re-

BRITISH FIGHTERS SUPERIOR

London, To-day.

In his Commons statement the Air Secretary said that day and night, reconnaissance aircraft have been penetrating into enemy country, testing the defences and observing troop movements and concentrations.

A complete photograph map of the Siegfried Line had been made.

Many photographs taken from only a few hundred feet up had gone to the composition of map.

Sir Kingsley also stated that Britain's latest fighters had been established to be superior to their German counterparts.—British Wireless.

BRITISH SEIZURE OF CONTRABAND

London, To-day.

During the week ended October 7, the British Contraband Control detained 25,000 tons goods as to which there was evidence they were contraband destined to Germany.

Cargoes included 13,800 tons of petroleum products, 2,500 tons of sulphur, 1,500 tons of jute and 400 tons of other fibres, 1,500 tons of feeding stuffs, 1,300 tons of oils and fats, 1,200 tons of foodstuffs, 600 tons of oilseeds, 570 tons of copper and 430 tons of other ores and metals, 500 tons of phosphates, 320 tons of timber and quantities of other commodities.

The total contraband goods detained during the first five weeks of the war amounted to about 315,000 tons.—British Wireless.

LITHUANIA AND SOVIET

London, To-day.

Lithuanian comment is still reserved, as no official statement has yet appeared, but it is believed that Lithuania hopes to obtain certain sections of former Polish territory, near Vilna, in return for any concessions she must make to Soviet Russia.—Reuter.

cognised the significance of this great conception.

"We are most grateful to the Dominions' High Commissioners in London for their helpful co-operation."

AIR SUPERIORITY

Concluding Sir Kingsley recalled the late King's tribute to the Empire's contribution in the air to victory and said: "We shall have our dangers and ordeals and our difficulties but none of us doubt that when the great test comes again our airmen of to-day—from the Motherland and overseas—will once more record the same magnificent achievements, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty."

Replying to a question by Mr. Hugh Dalton, leading member of the Labour Party, suggesting that the time was not far distant when Britain would have recovered her air supremacy over Germany which she had in 1918, Sir Kingsley said: The steps I have indicated to-day will satisfy him that we are taking every step in this connection."

AIRMEN HONOURED

Replying to Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal Leader, Sir Kingsley said that he understood that an announcement was being made to-day that the officers and men who had displayed such skill at Kiel had been rewarded by the King.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

Detroit News—People can be sure that nobody in authority will take any step committing us to war unless the people support it. . . . Emotion got us into the last World War. But we realized later—by the middle of 1920's at any rate—that if we had used our minds we would have stayed out. . . . America can best serve civilization by staying out.

Philadelphia Evening Bulletin—The President's tone and the content of his utterance showed a restraint evidencing a high sense of responsibility. This is no time for partisan, factional or group sniping and recriminations.

St. Petersburg (Fla.) Independent—This is the war that need never have happened.

New Orleans States—The world to-day places the blame for war and hate where it belongs, on the head of Adolf Hitler. No one wants to war on the German people who have had little to say about the present conflagration. The President voices the sentiment of America when he says the United States must be kept out.

Kansas City Star—The Star believes America can and should stay out of the war. But it recognizes that the longer the war lasts, especially if it goes against the democracies, greater the danger of American involvement. It believes plain common sense and national interest require that this country throw open its resources to all nations who can come and buy American goods of whatever sort.

New York Sun—Never again can there be lasting peace in the world until this whole horrible, fantastic nightmare of Hitlerism has been excoriated, no more to trouble the repose of civilized nations.

New York World-Telegram—Let's be enlightenedly selfish, instead of emotional, for a change. Let's keep constantly in mind that our greatest contribution to the final peace . . . will come . . . through staying out, not mixing in; through helping in every way we can to restore international sanity.

Minneapolis, Minn., Star-Journal—As long as the President sticks to those ideals there can be no quarrel, and he has paved the way for America to stay out of war.

Atlanta Journal—Adolf Hitler has brought Europe to this disaster. But we can also see that America now can best serve her own interests and those of humanity by keeping out of the armed conflict.

Newark, N.J., Evening News—Our Government promises to keep us neutral, but there is no disposition here, unless the national temper is to be misjudged, for us to enact the role of a rich man passing on the other side of a stricken Europe.

Newark, N.J., Star-Eagle—As for America's stand in this situation, it will hardly be necessary to repeat that we must stay out.

St. Paul Pioneer Press—President Roosevelt has sensed and well expressed in his address to the nation of Sunday night how the onrush of the European catastrophe has overshadowed the troubles of the United States. . . . National unity here must depend on the restraint, good will and patriotism of those men who

have the guidance of national affairs in their hands.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch—Americans may weep for the fate of Europe. But our first, and last, concern is America. There is nothing to add to President Roosevelt's moving memorial of last night. We know we cannot escape the shock of a Europe at war. But we have gone to Europe, have left our dead there, turned the tide of battle, but we could not make peace for Europe. We have learned that lesson, and we must not forget.

Hartford (Conn.) Times—It will require patience to remain at peace. . . . Yet this people, unquestionably, sees no present reason why our thought should be of participation in the war, has every determination to maintain a policy of neutrality and aloofness from the conflict and every hope that this policy will keep us from the fighting.

Charlotte, N.C., News—All our interests and feelings decree that we shall want England and France to win as quickly as possible—to allow them to buy arms here, as they are entitled to do under international law. The arms embargo, in fact, will probably be repealed in short order.

But it is going to smoke us more clearly out into the open than would have been the case had it been repealed by the last session of Congress.

Oklahoma City Oklahoman—Unthinkable but not entirely impossible

is an ultimate if not fairly early offensive and defensive alliance of Great Britain, France, the United States, Italy and Japan. . . . It is extremely fantastic. But no more fantastic than the present alliance of Nazis and Communists.

Chattanooga News—There is this compensating balm—the beginning of the general war, marked also the beginning of the decline of Adolf Hitler.

Chattanooga Times—No people which believes in the basic principles of democracy can fail to sympathize with Great Britain and France in their decision to aid Poland. But all this does not mean we should fail to be neutral.

Washington Post—Both mind and conscience are stimulated by Mr. Roosevelt when he suggests that our influence should from this moment be thrown in the direction of a final peace which will make impossible continuation of such aggression as that for which the dictatorships have come to stand.

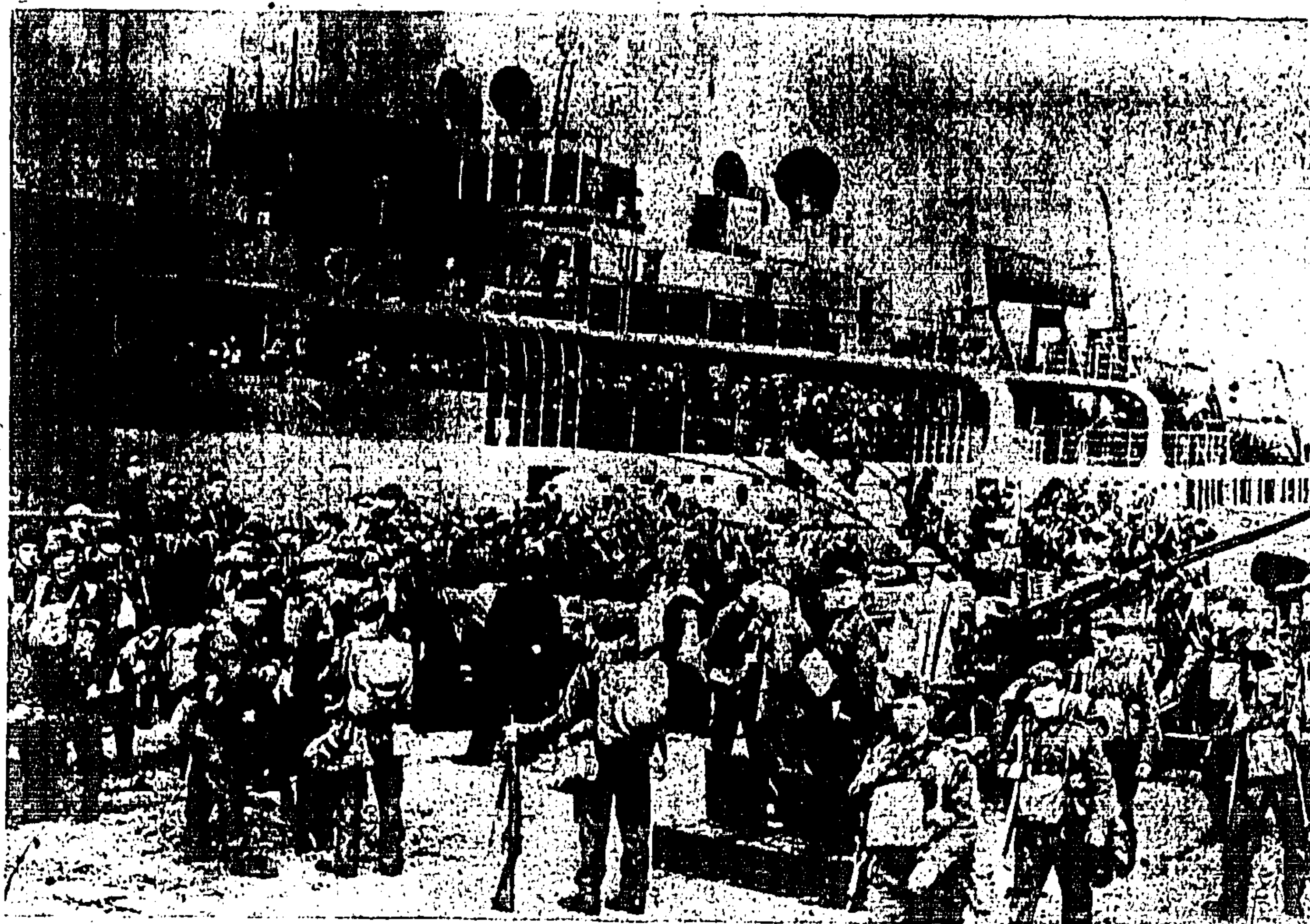
New York Herald Tribune—The nation's response to the President's appeal for unity in pursuit of peace is: "We are with you!" The wish of the American people to stay out of it—as long as possible—is unanimous.

New York Journal and American—If the President wants to keep us out of war—as it is evident from his broadcast that he does—if the Congress acts intelligently to keep us out of war, if the people continue their desire, so often expressed, to keep out of European conflicts, there is no reason why we should become involved in this European catastrophe.

New York Times—With the first shot we are warned that the way of the neutral is going to be very hard.

PEACE OFFENSIVE

We are now in the supreme phase of the "war of nerves". As far as the peoples of Great Britain and, I believe, of France are concerned, there is little prospect that Hitler will win this trial of grit. Mr. Wickham Steed.



BRITISH TROOPS IN FRANCE.—A photograph which tells its own story. British troops arriving in France. (British Official Photograph h. Crown Copyright Reserved).

NAZI AIR FORCE CASUALTIES IN NORTH SEA

London, To-day.

THE PILOT OF ONE of the German machines which landed in Norway and Denmark after the "battle" with British warships in the North Sea had fought in Spain and wore Franco decorations. All members of the crew were very young.

On Monday night, the Admiralty officially announced that repeated actions had taken place in the north-east section of the North Sea between German bombing 'planes and British cruisers and destroyers.

No British ships were damaged and at the time it was thought that there were no German casualties. Actually, at least four landed in distress. The German Army High Command announced that two bombs had struck a British warship.

EXPLOSION

Another German 'plane which took part in the attack on British naval vessels in the North Sea is believed to have crashed into the sea off the Danish coast.

Those on shore heard a large explosion but when they reached the scene they could find nothing.

PLANE SINKS

A German seaplane which made a forced landing in Norwegian territorial waters on Monday, sank in shallow water and its crew of four were taken on board a Norwegian destroyer.

It is reported that the 'plane was actually a bomber, in which case it may have been one of those in the North Sea battle on Monday.—Reuter.

ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE

London, To-day.

An Admiralty communique gives fuller details of the actions in the North Sea.

The communique says that an enemy squadron was reported and shadowed by our patrol on Sunday afternoon.

The enemy became aware of its presence and appeared to have turned back and in the night eluded our forces, which did not sight it.

On Monday morning, a British destroyer in a heavy sea sighted enemy aircraft and turned down on to sea to fight her guns.

BOMBING ATTACK

A level bombing attack was made at 5,000 feet, and a bomb burst 400 yards to starboard.

A second larger aircraft making a similar attack was probably hit by our guns. Three larger bombs were dropped but fell half a mile from the ship.

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The first attacker came back and tried a dive bombing attack, but was driven off by our fire. The aircraft may have been hit.

Two bombs were dropped and missed by over 200 yards.

SQUADRON ATTACKED

The same afternoon, a British cruiser squadron was attacked by bombers and engaged them for over an hour.

Returning towards its base, a British destroyer developed a main engine defect in no way connected with enemy action. She reached port safely yesterday morning.

In none of these actions has any British ship been hit or damaged, and there have been no British casualties.

Enemy casualties are still unknown, but reports from neutral countries indicate that several machines have failed to return to Germany.—Reuter.

NEW GOVERNOR OF YUNNAN

Shiukwan, To-day.

Unofficial messages received here state that General Chen Cheng will shortly be appointed Governor of Yunnan in place of General Lung Yun, who will be transferred to an important post elsewhere.—Our Own Correspondent.

HOLLAND'S AIR DEFENCES

London, To-day.

Netherlanders are starting funds to purchase anti-aircraft batteries for the towns they live in.—Reuter.

CANADA'S WAR AID

Ottawa, To-day.

The British War Supplies Mission in Canada is making definite headway, announces its Controller-General.

The Canadian War Supplies Board are giving very warm and keen co-operation and "there is no doubt that Canada is out to win the war."—Reuter.

EMBASSY STAFFS RELEASED

London, To-day.

Information has been received through the United States Embassy in London that orders have been given by the German authorities for the release from prison and transfer to their hotels of the British consular employees detained at Hamburg.

The persons in question are Mr. L. G. Bayliss, British Vice-Consul at Hamburg, Miss Mary Joss, an employee of the British Vice-Consul at Hamburg and Mr. Croxson, a member of the staff of the British Consulate at Munich.

These three officials are being detained in Germany pending completion of arrangements for the reciprocal exchange of Consular officers.—British Wirelens.

FIRST TEST ON NEUTRALITY

Washington, To-day.

By 65 to 26 votes the Administration won its first test vote on President Roosevelt's neutrality programme in the Senate yesterday.

The issue was on the motion of Senator Tobey to recommit the Neutrality Bill, with the object of postponing action on repeal of the arms embargo.

Administration leaders interpret the defeat of the motion as a test of strength on the embargo question, although this is disputed by Senator Borah, leader of the isolationist bloc.—Reuter.

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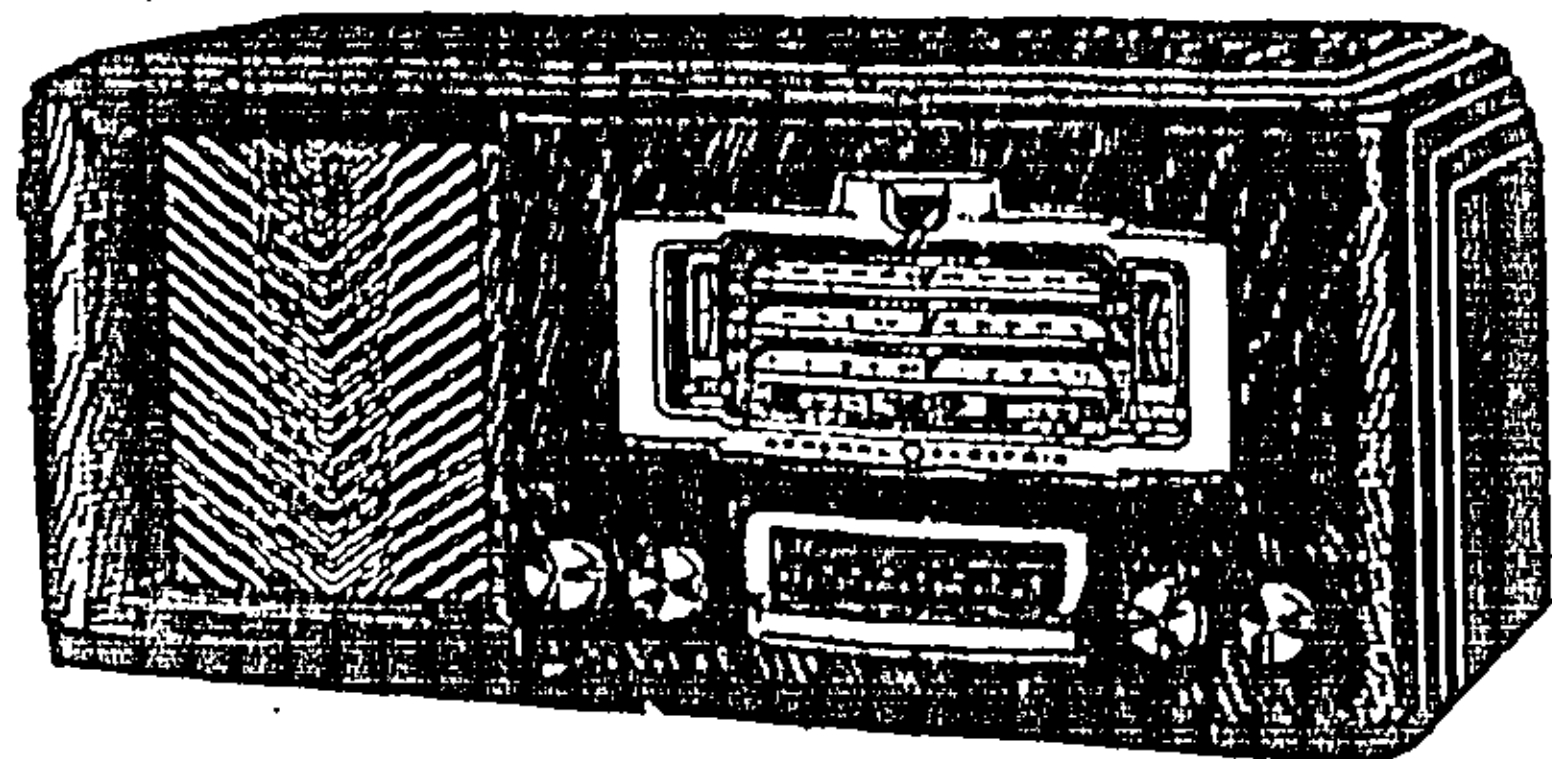
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WING ON'S ALSO FINED \$1,000

MESSRS. WING ON Company, Limited, were fined \$1,000 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning for selling a five-pound of Klim's powdered milk at a price contrary to the Food Price Control Regulations.

It was alleged that defendant company on September 15 sold a tin of the powdered milk to Mrs. V. C. Branson at a price of \$11.50, being more than 10 per cent. above the retail price prevailing on August 31.

Appearing for defendant company, Mr. D. McCallum said that very reluctantly his clients had followed his advice and pleaded guilty.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that the sale took place on September 15, to Mrs. Branson at the price of \$11.50. The average price at that time would have been \$10.15 in accordance with the Food Price Control Regulations.

Mr. Abbott continued that if defendants had sold at the average rate they would have sold at a loss because their goods were new stock on which the wholesale price had been increased. But, to ensure the same margin of profit as previously they could have sold at \$10.56, and he (Mr. Abbott) would not then have advised action to be taken.

The increase to \$11.50 was unjustified. Defendants had no reason to misunderstand the regulations.

NO COLLUSION

Mr. Abbott pointed out that the case was the result of a complaint by a member of the public. It was pure coincidence that both the Sincere and Wing On summonses were concerned with the same commodity, Klim's powdered milk. There was no collusion.

Mr. D. McCallum said that before action was taken against his clients, they had already got in touch with the Food Price Controller to whom a memorandum was presented pointing out the hardships which were being suffered in carrying out the Ordinance. They offered their co-operation to fix reasonable prices for retailers. This memorandum was presented through the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

When they were notified of the action they went to see the Controller and placed the whole position before him.

KEEN COMPETITION

Mr. McCallum pointed out that at that time there was keen competition, encouraged by Government orders to stock supplies of non-perishable foods, among retailers, who were then making only between two and three cents profits on each tin.

If his clients were selling at a lower rate, other retailers would have come and bought up all their stock. His clients wanted to serve the public and could have stopped selling if they wanted to.

Mr. McCallum pointed out that in the first two similar cases which came up during the last war a fine of \$25 was imposed. In the previous case, Sincere's were fined \$1,000. In this case, Mr. McCallum contended, there was far more in mitigation.

Mr. Forrest said the circumstances were similar and he imposed a similar fine.

DO THE JOB PROPERLY

Sir,—With reference to the absurd allegations of the Germans that Britain spread anti-British rumours in Berlin, I suggest we really get down to the "rumourisation" of Germany (with apologies to Mr. A. P. Herbert for the word "rumourisation").

Let the next flight of British planes over Germany drop leaflets to the following effect:

That a certain gentleman with a toothbrush moustache has been removed to a mental home. (This will only be intelligent anticipation anyhow, judging from his speeches.)

That a careless German soldier of the 14th-year old class dropped a match in the Siegfried Line and blew the whole thing up.

That doctors in Germany are reporting the spread of a new form of paralysis due to the constant giving of Nazi salutes. Inability to use the right arm any more has reduced the output of munitions more than 50 per cent.

M.F.K.

THEFT AT RACES

For stealing \$65 from the pocket of a Chinese clerk yesterday, in the Public Enclosure of the Jockey Club at Happy Valley, Yip Lam-siu, 25, was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning. Accused said he came from Macao and lost all his money in gambling.

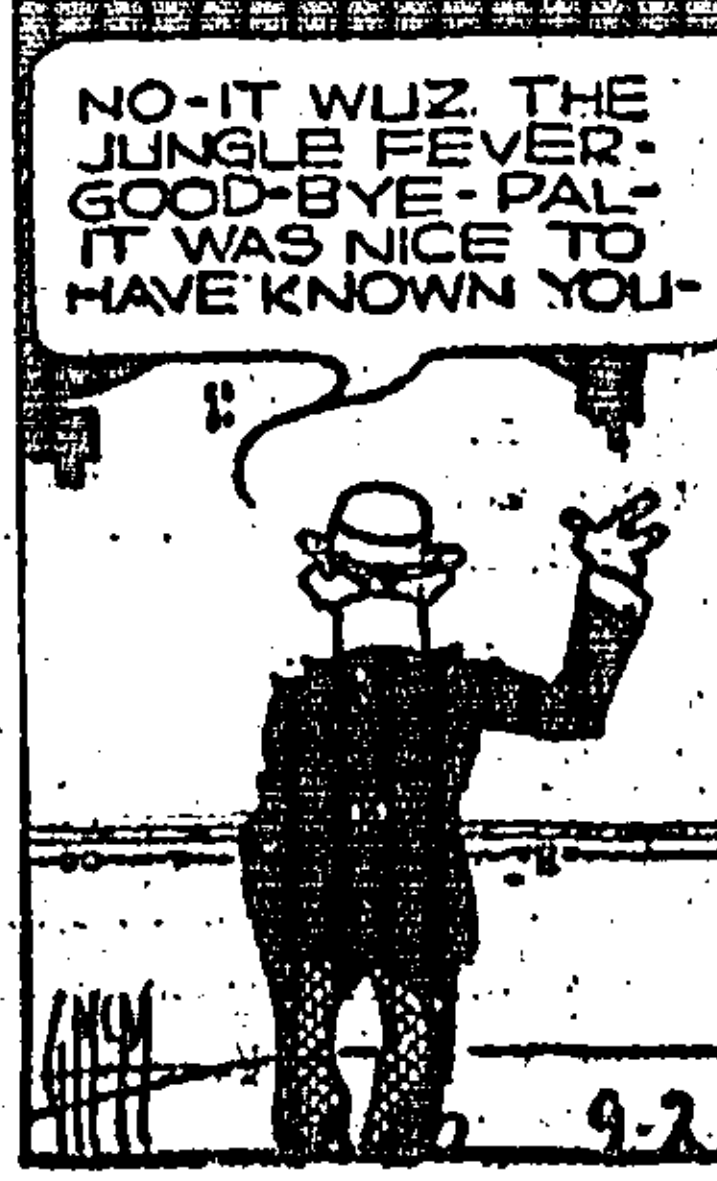
ALLEGED EXTORTION OF ONE CENT!

Alleged to have extorted one cent from Chan Sing, a Chinese constable, Tsou Teh-yuan, 24, was remanded for a week by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning.

Bail of \$500 was allowed. Detective-Sergeant McPherson is in charge of the case.

For obtaining \$30 by false pretences, Chan Fei, 23, was to-day sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, and ordered to refund his victim \$30, or serve an additional three week's imprisonment.

Bringing Un Father



By George McManus

DOMINION PRESS COMMENT

London, To-day.

DOMINION PRESS COMMENT on Hitler's speech continues to show complete scepticism regarding the creditworthiness of his peaceful professions.

In Canada, newspapers of all politics are at one in pointing out the futility of sitting round a conference table with Nazi statesmen.

Among the most effective rejoinders to the peace offensive is that made by the "Toronto Globe and Mail."

Without comment, that newspaper lists the previous occasions on which Hitler has summoned the Reichstag to hear peace pronouncements and their sequels.

Readers are left to make their own estimate of the value of his latest proposals.

The New Zealand Press is no more friendly. The Dominion's chief Wellington newspaper insist that the world must be free of the constant threats and terrorism which the Nazis have inflicted on civilization and declares: "For this lasting and righteous peace, this Dominion in common with the rest of the Empire and her Allies will fight on to the end."

"RANTING"

The "New Zealand Herald," of Auckland, says the ranting rhetoric of Hitler "has no longer any power to persuade or to alarm" and the Press of Christchurch, while asserting there is no basis for negotiations, urges the Allied Governments to make clear why they reject the terms of Hitler who must not be allowed to pose as a peacemaker.

The Australian Press, unanimously supports the views on Hitler's speech expressed in official statements issued in the United Kingdom and there is nowhere any suggestion that an armistice could or ought to be arranged.

The "Daily News" reports that the New South Wales Labour Council rejected a motion urging the Commonwealth Government to make representations to the Allied Governments that the first opportunity should be seized to negotiate peace. The decision to summon the Dominion Ministers to meet in London was unanimously approved.—British Wireless.

LONDON AND DOUBLE TENTH

London, To-day.

The Chinese "Double-Tenth" anniversary was celebrated in London by a luncheon given by the China Campaign Committee.

One hundred and fifty attended and Lord Davies presided.

The Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, spoke, followed by Lady Snowden, Miss Margery Fry and Sir Stafford Cripps.

Chinese residents in London congregated in force at a tea party in the Embassy in the afternoon.

A two minutes' Silence was observed for the civil and military Chinese killed in the war with Japan and a message was sent to the Chinese Army expressing hope for the early and victorious end of the war.—Reuter.

TEN KILLED IN FACTORY EXPLOSION

Capetown, To-day.

Ten people were killed yesterday in an explosion in a dynamite factory. An official enquiry will be held.—Reuter.

POLISH STATE RLY. PRIZE

Fifteen thousand persons submitted essays on "What I Would Like to See in Poland," in a New York World's Fair contest. The first prize—a free trip to Poland. The Polish State Railways, contest sponsors, said the award would be made despite the war.

NO HOPE OF PEACE IN CHINA YET

London, To-day.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, speaking at the Chinese Independence Day luncheon, said that so long as Japanese war lords remained in the saddle and in their present mood there could be no reasonable basis for negotiations and no hope of peace.

All the people of Europe and throughout the world were asking themselves whether a just and durable peace in Europe was possible. "I think," said the ambassador, "that we all know the answer."

Mr. Quo Tai-chi added that the western people will appreciate more clearly the identical difficulty which confronts China and Western democracies alike.

Peace must be based on good faith among nations, respect for international law and human dignity and the principle of live and let live.—Reuter.

TYPHOON OFF SWATOW

The Royal Observatory, which reports that the cyclonic gales to the east of Swatow may be expected to decrease, says in the morning weather report that the typhoon is now about 80 miles to the east of Swatow, moving very slowly W.N.W. and probably filling up. A ridge of high pressure extends from Central China to the Pacific to the eastward of Japan.

A depression to the south-east of the Loochoos is moving northward; The depression to the south-west of Guam is moving W.N.W.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE DECISION

London, To-day.

The Cambridgeshire, to be run at Newmarket on October 18, will be divided into two parts because there are 81 entrants.

There will be no acceptances.—Reuter.

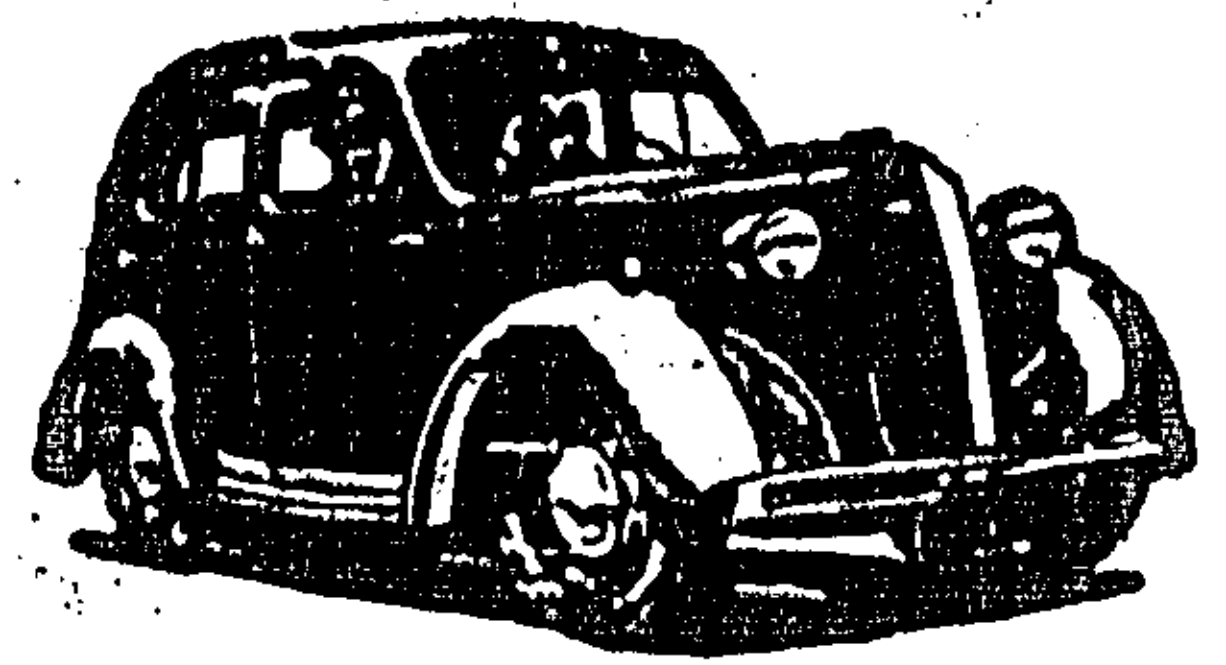
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"Fairly dripping with sweetness and light this morning, aren't you? Advanced case of hangovers, I'll bet a couple of chips. Some of you young fellers haven't enough sense to come in out of the rain."

"That's right. Moralize, you hypocrite. I suppose you never woke up with a head or a tongue like a strip of ancient gummy bag."

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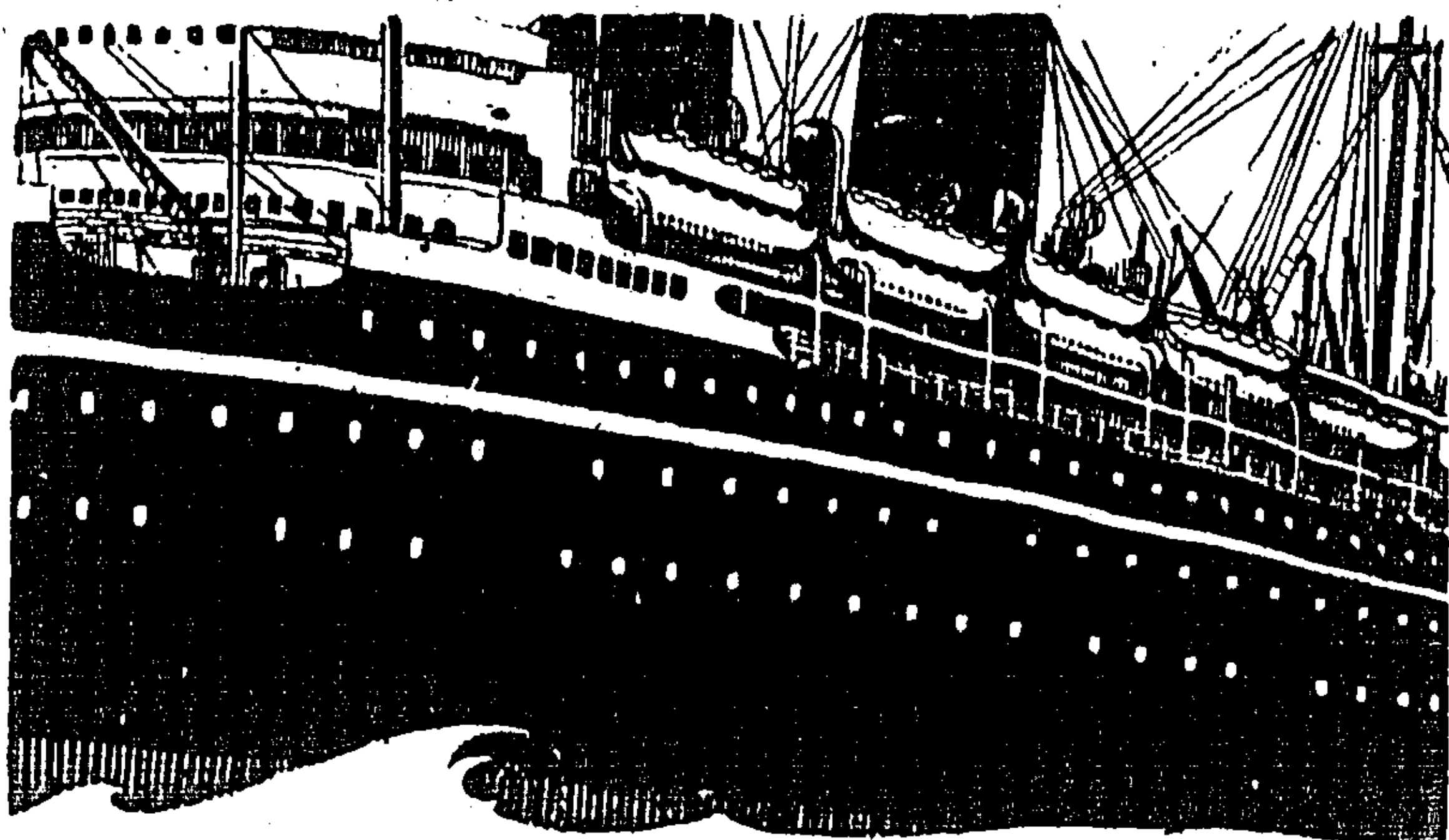
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Straits	October 11.
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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th October	October 11.
Bangkok	October 11.
Java and Manila	October 11.
Manila	October 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 4th October	October 12.
Haiphong, Pakhoi, Holhow and Fort Bayard	October 12.
Straits	October 12.
Japan and Shanghai	October 12.
Manila	October 12.
Shanghai	October 12.
Shanghai	October 13.
Haiphong	October 13.
Japan and Shanghai	October 14.
Japan	October 14.
Straits and Manila	October 14.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 7th October	October 15.
Manila	October 16.
Shanghai	October 16.
Calcutta and Straits	October 16.
Japan and Shanghai	October 17.
Shanghai	October 17.
Japan and Shanghai	October 17.
Haiphong	October 17.
Straits	October 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 26th Sept.)	October 18.
Java and Manila	October 18.

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WEDNESDAY		
Fort Bayard, Holhow and Pakhoi	Wed., Oct. 11, 1.30 p.m.	
Swatow and Parcels only for Tientsin	Oct. 11, 2.30 p.m.	
Shanghai	Oct. 11, 2.30 p.m.	
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service" — due Paris, 19th. Oct.	Reg., Wed., Oct. 11, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Wed., Oct. 11, 5.30 p.m.	
	G.P.O.	
	Reg., Wed., Oct. 11, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Wed., Oct. 11, 7.00 p.m.	
Straits	Oct. 11, 7.00 p.m.	
Bangkok	Oct. 11, 7.00 p.m.	
THURSDAY		
Saigon	Oct. 12, 10.00 a.m.	
Haiphong	Thur., Oct. 12, 1.00 p.m.	
Shanghai (parcels only)	Oct. 12, 3.30 p.m.	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Direct Service"—due San Francisco 18th October.	Reg., Wed., Oct. 11, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Wed., Oct. 11, 5.30 p.m.	
	G.P.O.	
	Reg., Wed., Oct. 11, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Thur., Oct. 12, 7.30 a.m.	
FRIDAY		
Tourane	Oct. 13, 8.30 a.m.	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels only for Canada) —due Vancouver B.C., 30th October.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Par., Oct. 12, 5.00 p.m. Reg., Oct. 13, 9.15 a.m. Ord., Oct. 13, 10.00 a.m.	
Shanghai	Oct. 13, 3.30 p.m.	

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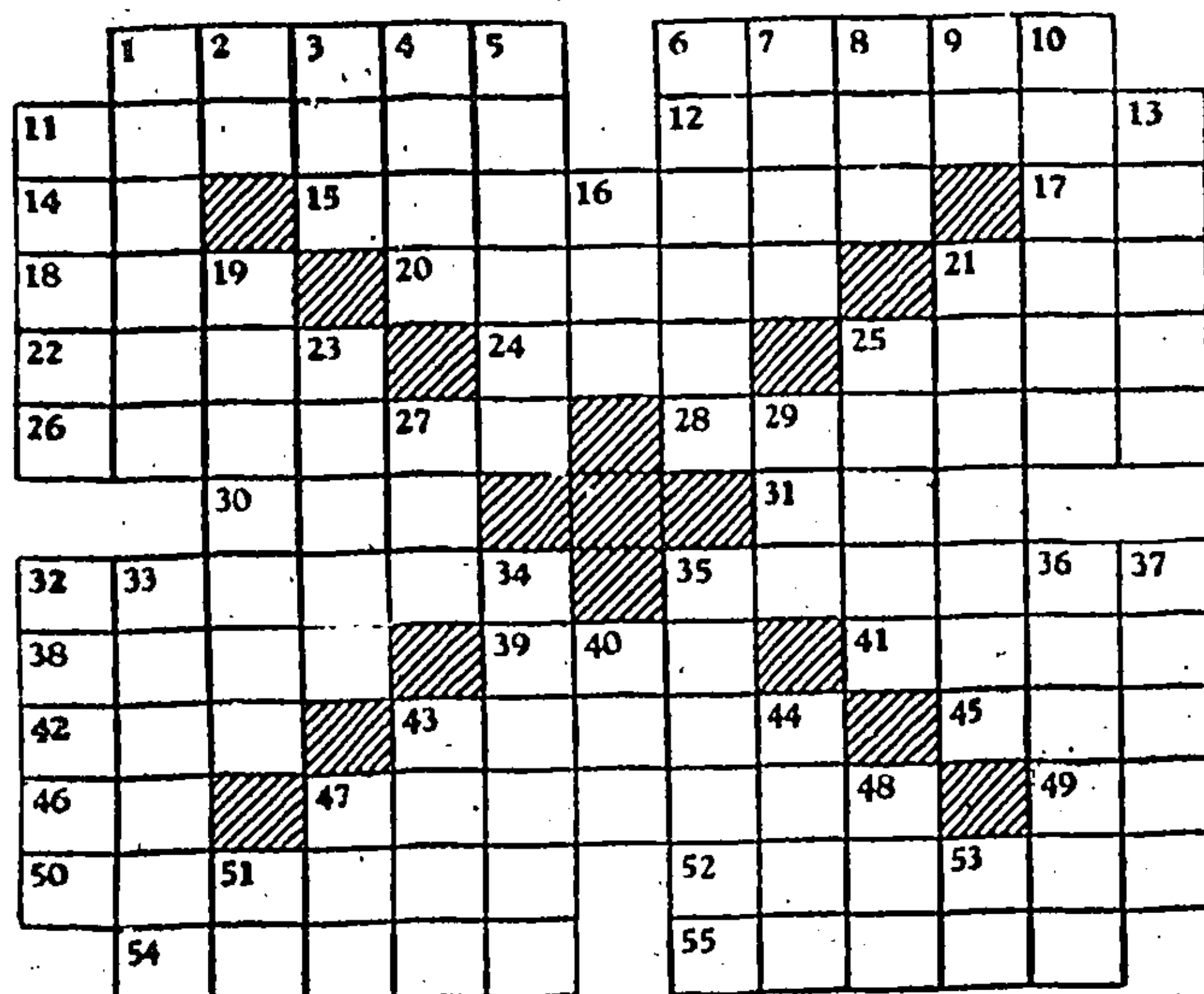
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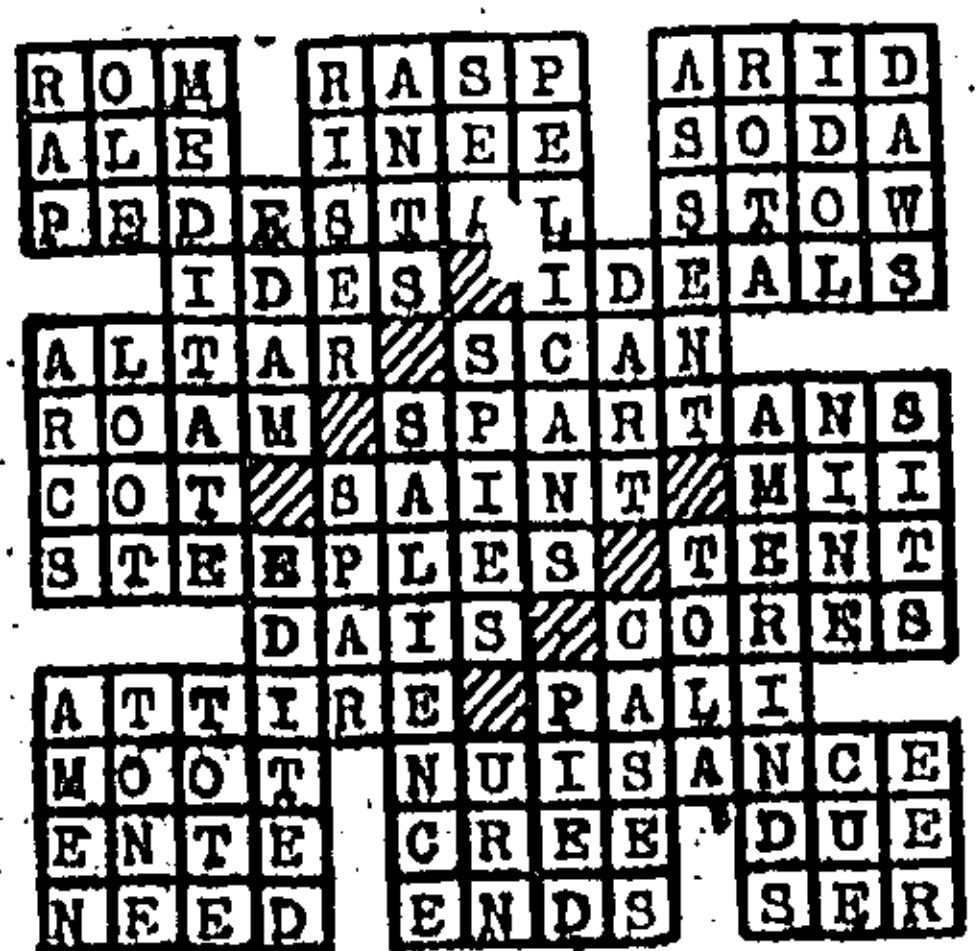
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1 Flat pieces
6 Preserved
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12 Click beetle
14 Sun god
15 Low terrace
17 Japanese drama
18 To mistake
20 Man's name
21 Explosive noise
22 War fliers
24 Chum
25 Malignity
26 Storehouses
28 Seedlets
30 Babylonian god
31 Macaw
32 Jury lists
35 Pleases
38 Hebrew measure
39 Head covering
41 Only
42 To suppose
43 Breathes fast
45 To mop

46 Type unit
47 Headline
49 Hebrew letter
50 To lower
52 Appeared
54 Rails
55 Mountains

VERTICAL
1 Rare
2 French article
3 Mountain
4 Serpents
5 Denudes
6 Parts of flowers

7 Beverages
8 Tub
9 Latin "and"
10 To indicate
11 Mountain nymph
13 Lassoes
16 Wing
19 Complains
21 Sunshade
23 More painful
25 Egyptian god
27 Hindu cymbals
29 Knave in cards
32 Force
33 Ammonia compounds
34 Forms
35 King of Huns
36 Absconds
37 Mended
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44 Early
47 Dog
48 To bow
51 To act
53 Pronoun

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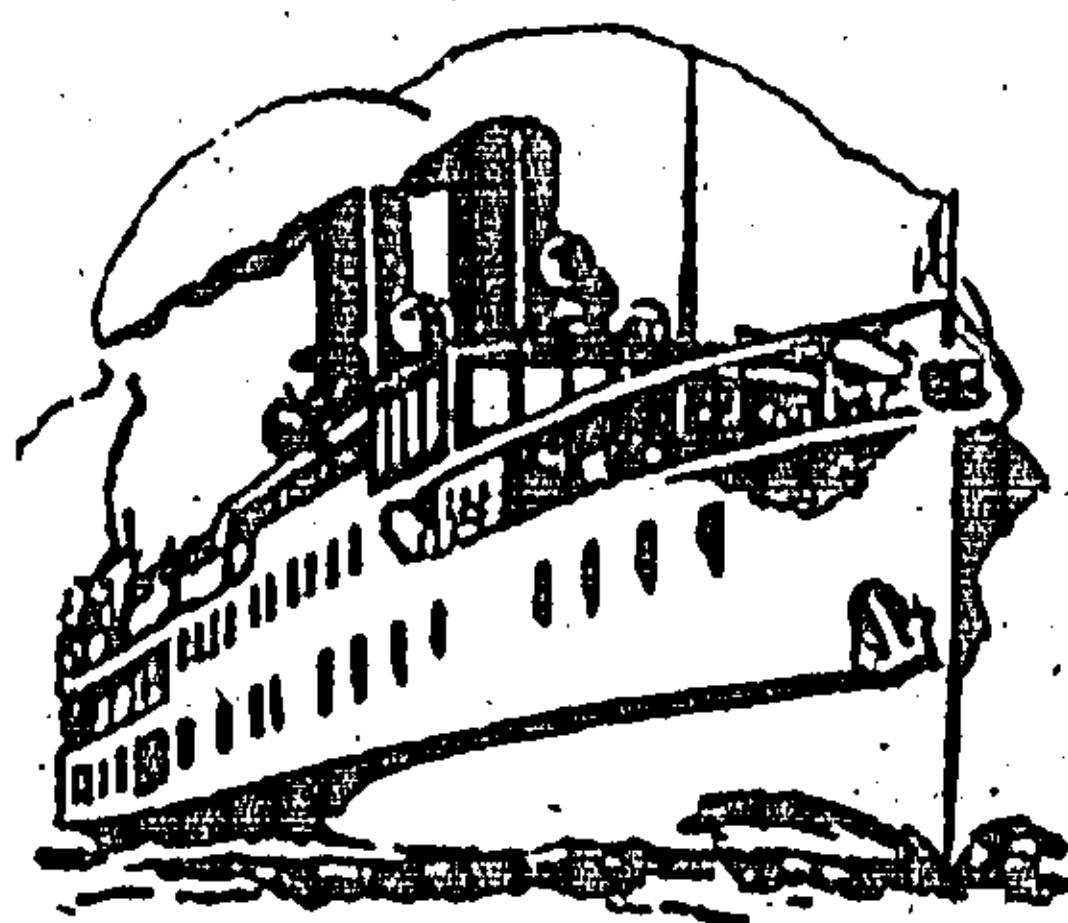
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PEAK
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MR. H. J. COWLIE, OF NO. 5, THE PEAK, FRUSTRATED TWO BURGLARS YESTERDAY MORNING.

To-day, his "visitors" were sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. T. J. Houston for unlawfully entering a dwelling.

Sergeant L. C. Pennell said that Mr. Cowlie was awakened at 3.45 a.m. yesterday by the two men who had entered the house through a window. They escaped, and Mr. Cowlie phoned the police.

The police threw a cordon round the neighbourhood and they found defendants hiding under a car.

H.K. MINES OUTPUT

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"At the same time, it is of the highest importance that the press and the radio use the utmost caution to discriminate between actual verified fact, on the one hand, and mere rumour, on the other."

"I can add to that by saying that I hope the people of this country will also discriminate most carefully between news and rumour. Do not believe, of necessity, everything you hear or read. Check up on it first."

HOTEL FINED

A fine of \$10 was imposed by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning on the manager of the Chitose Hotel for failing to send a correct list of guests to the Registration of Persons Office.

Defendant pleaded that he was ill at the time.

Mr. H. E. Langley, of the Special Branch, prosecuted.

RADIO CASE

The case in which six Chinese are charged with illegally maintaining a radio communication station in a house in Nathan Road, has been fixed for hearing on October 23, 24 and 25.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Solicitor, will be for the prosecution and Mr. Peter Sin for the defence.

SOON BACK

Six months' hard labour was imposed on a 18-year-old banishee, who was charged with breach of the Deportation Ordinance this morning. The youth was deported on Saturday and returned the following day!

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-13/16. The London on New York cross rate was quoted at —£U.S.\$4.02. The New York on London rate was £—U.S.\$4.03-5/8.

HONG KONG
HOTEL
INCIDENT

DOUGLAS THOMPSON, 30, ENGINEER OF THE S.S. MAU SANG, AND J. R. MACPHERSON, ENGINEER RESIDING AT THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. WERE EACH FINED \$20 BY MR. R. EDWARDS AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

Defendants were two of three Europeans who were involved in an argument in the Hong Kong Hotel last Saturday evening. The third man, P. H. Keys, 40, architect, residing in the Hong Kong Hotel, is still in hospital.

This morning Inspector Kirby said that as both defendants were liable to leave the Colony, the police wished to proceed against them first.

They visited the Police Station voluntarily on learning that warrants had been issued for their arrest following their failure to appear in Court on Monday.

At 7.15 p.m. on Saturday, the three defendants were sitting together in the Hong Kong Hotel. They first argued and then started fighting. The police were summoned by the hotel management, but before their arrival, the men were already arrested by two Assistant Superintendents of Police who happened to be passing by.

Both defendants pleaded guilty and said that that they were provoked.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$200 b.
Union Ins. \$365 b.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$170 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,
ETC.

H.K. Docks \$17¼ b.
Providents \$4.10 b., \$4.20/30 sa.

MINING

Raubs \$9½ b.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H.K. and S. Hotels \$4¼ b., \$4.65 sa.
H.K. Lands \$3¼ b., \$32 sa.
H.K. Realities \$4.15 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$15.65 b.
China Lights (Old) \$7.85 b., \$7.90 sa.
China Lights (New) \$4.90 sa.
H.K. Electrics \$49¼ b., \$50 sa.
Telephones (Old) \$20 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$14.10 b.
H.K. Ropes \$4¼ b.
STORES, &C.
Dairy Farms (Old) \$20¼ b., \$20/- 20.10 sa.
Watsons \$7.80 b.

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MANILA SHARES

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Atoks Ps. .15 sa.
Bagulo Gold Ps. .12 b.
Batong Buhay Ps. .0085 b.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 9.70 sa.
Big Wedge Ps. .17 b.
Coco Grove Ps. .13 b.
Consol. Mines Ps. .0035 sa.
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COLONY'S BILL OF
HEALTH

Last week's return of the Medical Department reveals a total of 21 new cholera cases, 18 of typhoid, 40 of dysentery, 153 tuberculosis, two diphtheria, and two puerperal fever. There were 15 deaths from cholera, eight from typhoid, 16 from dysentery and 108 from tuberculosis. The return for yesterday showed four diphtheria, five cholera, two typhoid, eight dysentery and 38 tuberculosis cases.

TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE.

PUZZLING CASE OF ELEAZAR WILLIAMS

By VINCENT TOWNE

"WHO are these that call themselves my father and my mother? Instinct tells me that I am not flesh of their flesh, or bone of their bone."

This suspicion morbidly haunted a strange, dreamy lad who early in the past century ended a hiatus and came back to normal senses after a hazy period of mental weakness. In his case, due to extreme youth, mental recovery did not restore memory of events happening before his lapse.

All that he knew was that he had suffered excruciating pain, which, others said, had resulted from a severe fall.

During the remainder of his years he searched for his identity. According to the best evidence that he could gather he had been brought to northern New York by the Indian squaw and half-breed farmer claiming to be his parents. They gave him the name Eleazar Williams and as such he was known through the remainder of his life although there were some who offered him the homage due to a prince, a king, a royal martyr who had been cheated of his throne.

Eleazar grew to manhood among the Indians and adventurers of our Canadian frontier. A giant in stature and strength, fearless, he entered the War of 1812 and did brave service for the American cause, being severely wounded at Plattsburg.

His insistent claims that he was not the offspring of his alleged parents led to an investigation. Physicians who examined him proved to their satisfaction that he was not of Indian blood. Pressed with inquiries, his reputed mother once confessed that he was not her child.

Then there entered upon the scene a witness who was to start rolling a ball of evidence soon to grow to great size and start the tongues of two continents wagging. This was Skenondouh, an Indian of the frontier, who took oath that two French noblemen had appeared upon Lake George in 1795 with a feeble-minded lad of about 10.

These great men turned their half-witted charge over to the Williamses, who afterward were in no want for money. Goodly sums came to them regularly from somewhere. And it was doubtless to escape the curiosity of their neighbours that they had moved from their former home. Investigation showed that the mother of Eleazar's foster-father, Thomas Williams, had experienced an adventurous career of her own. From the comfortable parsonage of her father, the Rev. John Williams of Deerfield, Mass., she had been captured by Indians and carried to Canada, where she forgot the English language, joined the Catholic Church, adopted Indian customs and habits and married an Indian John de Rogers.

Eleazar Williams was sent to school at Long Meadow, Mass., and after the War joined the Episcopal Church, becoming a missionary among the Oneida Indians. In 1828 he was ordained Missionary Presbyterian and the rest of his life he ministered to the Indians of New York and Wisconsin.

In 1854 the Prince de Joinville, heir to the throne of Louis Philippe, went to Green Bay, Wis., to hold an important secret interview with the Rev. Eleazar Williams. Why did this great prince seek the humble missionary?

According to Eleazar Williams, the Prince de Joinville offered him handsome bribes if he would agree to renounce all right and title to the throne of France, but he refused the offer although preferring to continue his missionary work until his death. He afterward claimed to have known that he was none other than the "lost Louis XVII" of France, and to have let the Prince de Joinville know that he knew.

The Rev. Eleazar Williams had never been known to utter an untruth. He was as God-fearing a man as ever wore the cloth. Why should he invent such a story when he did not take advantage of the notoriety that naturally resulted from it? Why should the Prince de Joinville search him out in the wilderness? Where else was the lost Louis XVII?

At the time his father, Louis XVI, was guillotined by the Jacobins, the

little heir to the French throne was 8 years old. In the Prison of the Temple this princeling was placed in the care of Simon, the jailer, who kept him clothed in rags and besotted with brandy; who gave him a toy guillotine to play with and who clubbed him unmercifully until he would sing an obscene song mocking his dead parents.

The cruel Simon was himself guillotined for his trouble and the little Dauphin became lost to history. Simon's wife confessed that the child was carried off and Louis XVIII. had her locked up for life in a mad house. This same Louis XVIII. thereupon ordered the Abbe Dubois to sign a declaration that the Dauphin had been buried in the cemetery of his church, St. Marguerite, and after refusing to comply the Abbe was poisoned to death.

The Duc de Berri after denouncing Louis XVIII's usurpation of the lost Dauphin's throne, was assassinated for his pains.

A zealous royalist, the Chevalier d'Oeillet is said to have given Simon's wife \$60,000 to let him kidnap the fear-crazed Dauphin and substitute for that princeling a weak-minded peasant lad.



In The Care Of Simon The Jailer.

Eleazar Williams died in Hogsburg, N.Y., Aug. 28, 1858, aged about 72 years. Many who conversed with him were impressed by his resemblance to Louis XVI. Our libraries con-

tain considerable literature supporting the theory that he was that unhappy monarch's lost son and the rightful heir to the French throne. If not, who was he?

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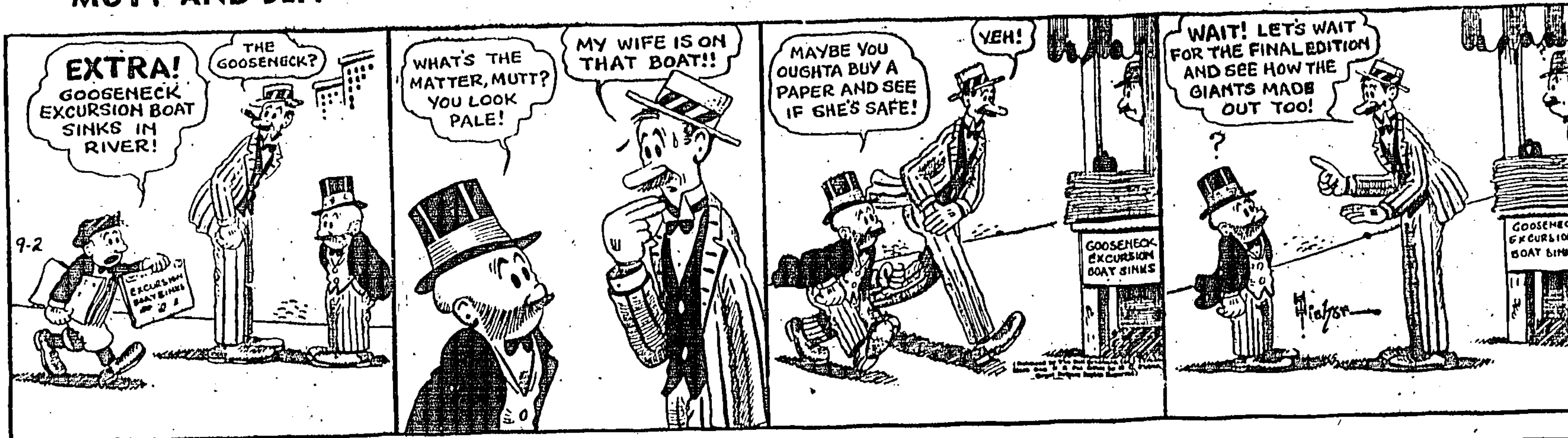
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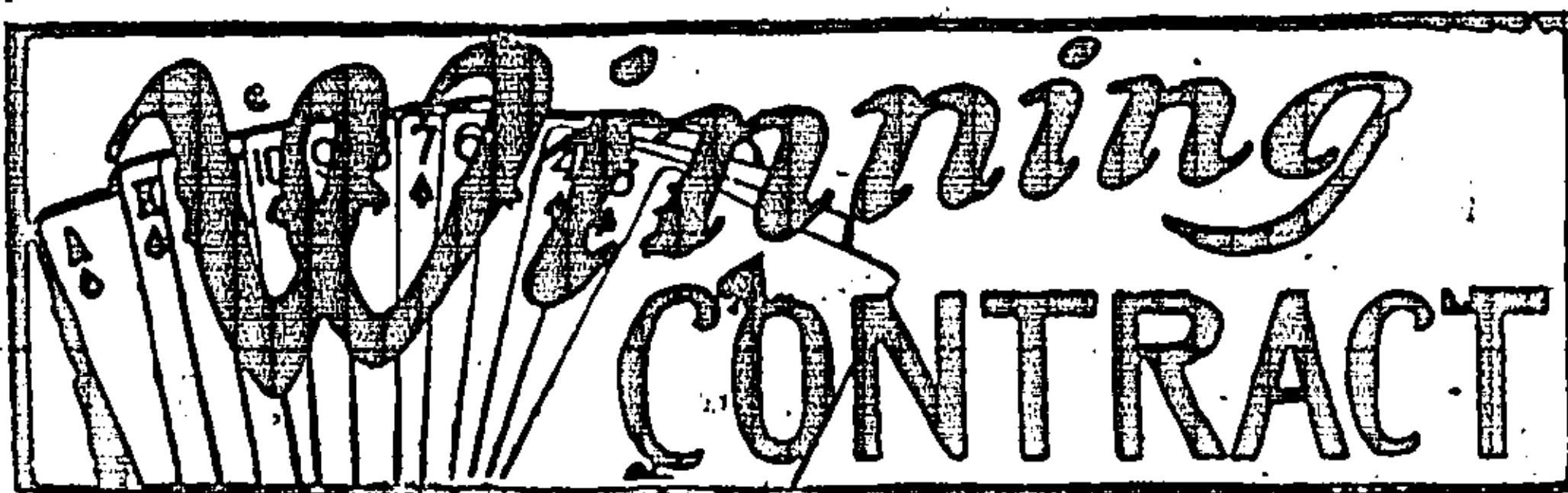
Mozart Programme
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Kitty Masters (Vocal) and Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Elgar—Enigma Variations, Op. 36.
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Compositions of Mozart.

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—News Supplement.
6.55 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.57 p.m.—Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) and the Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
La Czarine Mazurka (L. Ganne); The Guards Patrol (Williams); Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
Song Of The Buccaneer (Mortimer & Leonard); A Bowl Of Punch (Mortimer & Alan Murray); Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano accomp. by Herbert Dawson.
Acclamations Waltz (Waldteufel); The Grenadiers Waltz (Waldteufel)—arr. Winterbottom; Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
Clementine (Montrose); Solomon Levi (Breaver); There's A Tavern In The Town; John Peel; Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano accomp. and Chorus.
The Voice of the Bells (Luigini, arr. Miller); Tarantelle De Concert (Greenwood, arr. Bodfrey); The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
7.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Old Contemptibles" Part I. The Record of the British Expeditionary Force from Mons to Ypres, between August and November 1914. The Second Part of this recording will be played to-morrow at 7.30 p.m.

B.B.C. Wireless Singers cond. by Stanford Robinson. Unaccompanied.
8.40 p.m.—Studio—"Some Great Posts"—2: Shakespeare. The second of the series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—Variety with Arthur Askey, The Hill Billies, Dorothy Lamour and Others.
Two Pianos—"The Great Ziegfeld"—Fox-Trot—Medley..... The Keyboarders with Drums.
Vocal—Moonlight On The Prairie (from the film); Home On The Range (arr. Ted & Ezra)..... The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment.
Accordeon—Onestep Arabe—Sedibal; Fox-Trot—Bell Ringer..... Maurice Alexander with Orch.
Vocal—All To Specification (Willcock & Rutherford); The Cuckoo (Ray Sonin)..... Arthur Askey with Orchestra.
Vocal—On A Tropic Night (film "Tropic Holiday"); Panamanla (film "Swing High, Swing Low")..... Dorothy Lamour with Orch.
Piano—Accordeon—Speak To Me Of Love (Lenoir); Stars Over Devon (Flynn & Egan)..... George Scott-Wood assisted by Guitar, Bass and Drums.
Vocal—Ole Faithful (Carr); Take Ma Boots Off When Ah Dies (Carr)..... The Hill Billies with Novelty Accomp.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Strolling In The Park; Orient Nights..... Billy Bartholomew & His Dance Orchestra.
Waltzes—I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles; Mammy's Lullaby..... The Green Brothers' Marimba Band.
Slow Fox-Trot—You Passed Me By; Tango—Once Only..... George Boulanger & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—The Masquerade Is Over; Hurry Home..... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Tangos—Ovidame; Callecita De Mi Novia..... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Slow Fox-Trots—Tears In My Heart; You're A Sweetheart (from the film)..... Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.
Tango—Majana!; Waltz—The Dawn Of Love..... Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—On Your Toes (from same)..... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
The 11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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A NOTRUMP TRAGEDY

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
A K 10 8 6
Q
A K J 10
J 9 8
A 4
A J 10 9
7 6 3
Q 9 6 4
K 7
N
W
E
S
J 9 7 5 3
A 8 5 4
Q 8 2
A 8 2
A Q 2
K 3
7 5 3
A Q 10 8 6 4
The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1A Pass
2A 2A 3A Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

Against the three-notrump contract West opened the Jack of hearts. Dummy won with the singleton Queen. Declarer now played a spade over to the Queen and a second spade over to the King. West discarding a low diamond on the second lead. Knowing that spades would not break, South now came to the conclusion that the diamond Queen was also wrong and that the best play for the contract lay in the club finesse. Accordingly, he played the Jack of clubs, finessed and lost to the King.
West now looked at dummy and saw that his only hope of beating the hand lay in dropping the singleton King of hearts. Accordingly, he laid down his Ace of hearts, dropping the King, and ran off six heart tricks.
As usual, South complained of his bad luck in never being able to work a finesse. But North was properly critical. According to North, South, with one meagre stopper in hearts, should have bid four clubs. North would then have gone to five clubs, which was a laydown.

"Well if I had bid four Clubs," South said. "We might have gotten to six, which we couldn't make." North replied: "All right. But at clubs five-odd is cold and six is made if the club finesse works. As long as the hand was going to depend on a finesse in clubs anyway, isn't it better to take a gamble on six clubs, which could be set only one trick, than three notrump, which actually goes down three?"

You were Merwin Maier's partner yesterday, both sides were vulnerable and you held:

A 7 8
A 6
A Q 10 8 6 4
A 7 5

The bidding:
You Schenken Maier Jacoby
1A Pass 1A Pass
2A Pass 3A Pass
4A Dbl. Pass
Pass Pass

What is your opening lead?

ANSWER: Your correct opening lead is a trump.
Score 100% for trump lead, 80% for Ace of diamonds, 60% for Ace of clubs. In particular, in spite of the fact that your partner has bid them, the one lead you must not make is a heart. From the bidding it should be apparent that Declarer has a heart-spade two-sulter and you do not want to play hearts for him.

Question No. 228.
Both sides are vulnerable. You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

A 3 4
A 5 7 3
A 4 4
A J 10 8 7 5 3

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Maier Jacoby
1A 1A 2A 2A
3NT 3A (?) 3A
What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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RIDSDALE FIRST CLASS FORWARD

(By "SCRUM HALF")

ARMY ARE IN A POSITION to field a very useful Rugby team this year. They have talent and the men are fit.

Yesterday's trial revealed that they should have a formidable pack both in the tight and loose scrums and a speedy threequarter line. The Army Selectors are not satisfied yet, however, and another trial will be held at Soekunpoo next Tuesday, when Probables will probably meet the Possibles.

Lieut. Ridsdale is a first-class forward, being on the ball all the time in the loose and pulling his weight in the centre of the back row. Capt. Duke is another valuable acquisition, his play in the loose being exceptionally good.

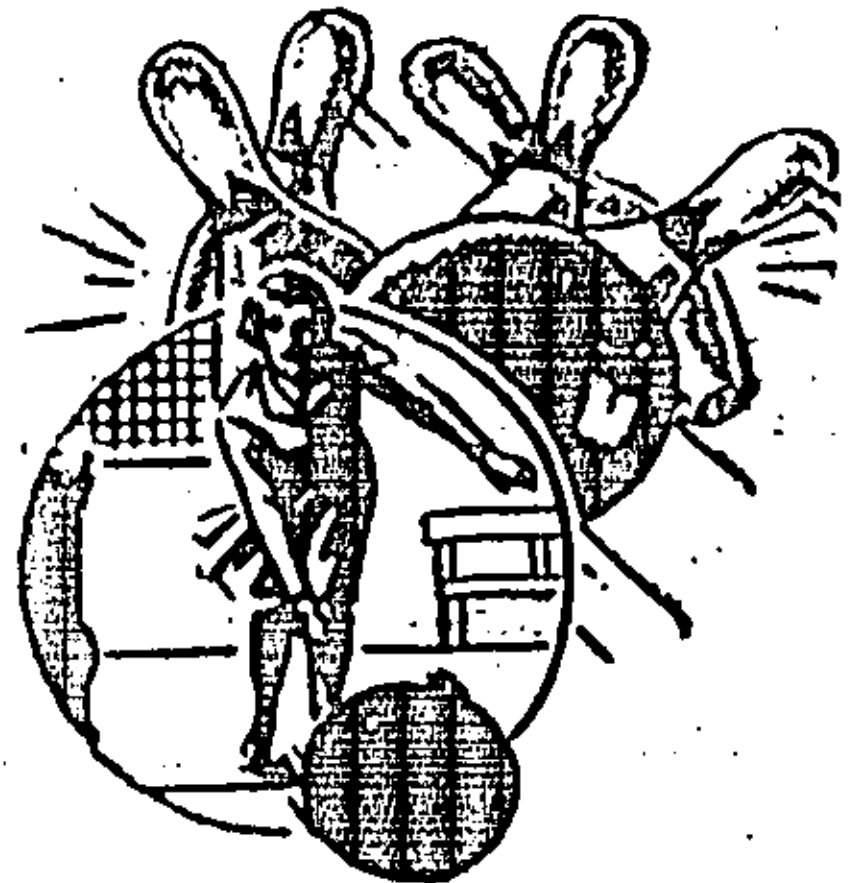
Criticism to offer regarding the forwards is that they are much too prone to "pat" the ball back in line-outs instead of catching the ball and passing it back overhead to the scrum-half or placing it at their feet and taking it with them. The "patting" back, however, did not endanger their side yesterday, but normally it is a much too dangerous practice to encourage. There are also not enough forwards jumping for the ball—the man who secures possession high in the air has an uninterrupted view of his own backs and knows without any delay where to pass to advantage.

The three-quarters were inclined to run across field when in possession, with the result that the wing three-quarters seldom had ground enough in which to manoeuvre. This is a bad fault that will have to be remedied. Neither full-back was impressive, though Lieut. Otway was unquestionably better than Lieut. Lomax. Otway, however, is inclined to stand too far back when his side is attacking and the result is that valuable time is lost while he waits for the ball to bounce favourably.

Lieut. Douglas is an individualistic fly-half and would be well advised to loose the ball earlier. He showed good understanding with 2nd Lieut. Dunlop at the base of the scrum.

RICHARDS' KICKING

L/Cpl. Waite, L/Cpl. Bee and L/Sgt. Lang distinguished themselves in the back division. Lieut. Skipworth is a useful kicking type of centre three-quarter, but his handling is not very accurate in a bout of passing, though, strangely enough, he is good at picking up a loose ball.

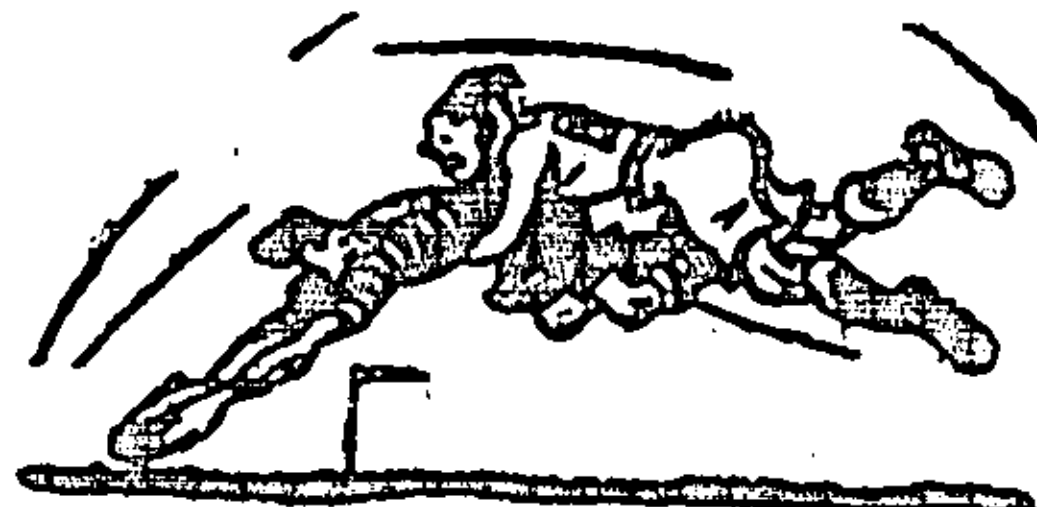


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on the run. Gunner Richards kicked a very fine penalty dropped goal and I would not be surprised if he was given a place in the pack just for his kicking ability as he is unlikely to secure recognition in the back division, unless he goes to full-back.

Pte. Bousted, L/Bdr. Evens and Pte. Berry were other forwards to catch the eye. L/Cpl. Sutherland, Pte. Mohan and L/Cpl. Combe were absentees who have chances of inclusion.

The teams were changed about at the interval and it was difficult to follow the run of the play.

The junior game—I call it junior because it was really scrappy Rugby in comparison with the first game—provided little of note except that L/Cpl. Moggridge has plenty of stamina and is a hard-working three-quarter and that L/Cpl. Ross is a useful forward.

CLUB TRIAL TO-DAY

This evening Club are holding their second Trial at the Valley at 5.15 p.m., and members desiring a game—and they will get one—are asked to bring a white and striped jersey.

Police are also practising this evening at Boundary Street.

"Y" LADIES' PRACTICE

Miss Pocock, sister of the forward, played a very promising game at centre-half in "Y" Ladies' hockey practice yesterday at King's Park. It appears likely that Miss M. McCaw may be transferred to left-half to allow the newcomer to play pivot. Miss N. Eardley, who is to be married on the 20th to Ernie Strange, the Club footballer, played a very sound game at full-back, one of the positions giving the selectors anxiety. Mrs. M. Read was an absentee, and it is learned that she will not be playing for "Y" this season.

SCHOOLBOYS GAME

The Annual School charity game for the Cup presented by Mr. R. Hall, was played before this game and resulted in the Hong Kong Schools beating Kowloon Schools by the odd goal in three.

W. Pryde scored for Kowloon while Chan Yee-tong and R. Silva netted for the winners.

J. T. Smith (4) 2 up was first and Surg. Comdr. C. B. Nicholson (10) 1 up, second in the Bogey Par Pool on the Fanling Old Course on Saturday and Tuesday.

There were 45 entries.

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" 2384 586.00
" 2943 293.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
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Unplaced runners (\$100 each),
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No. 1851 \$2892.40
" 56 826.40
" 3758 413.20
Unplaced runners (\$100 each),
Nos.: 561, 3293, 463, 1693, 1705, 2747, 1512, 2329, 1681, 1785, 3438, 4036, 3827, 3893, 1689, 384, 2503, 1182, 3910, 3212, 1999.
The Double—Talkative and Devonian—paid \$27.70.

FLAT ARC

GRAPHIC GOLF

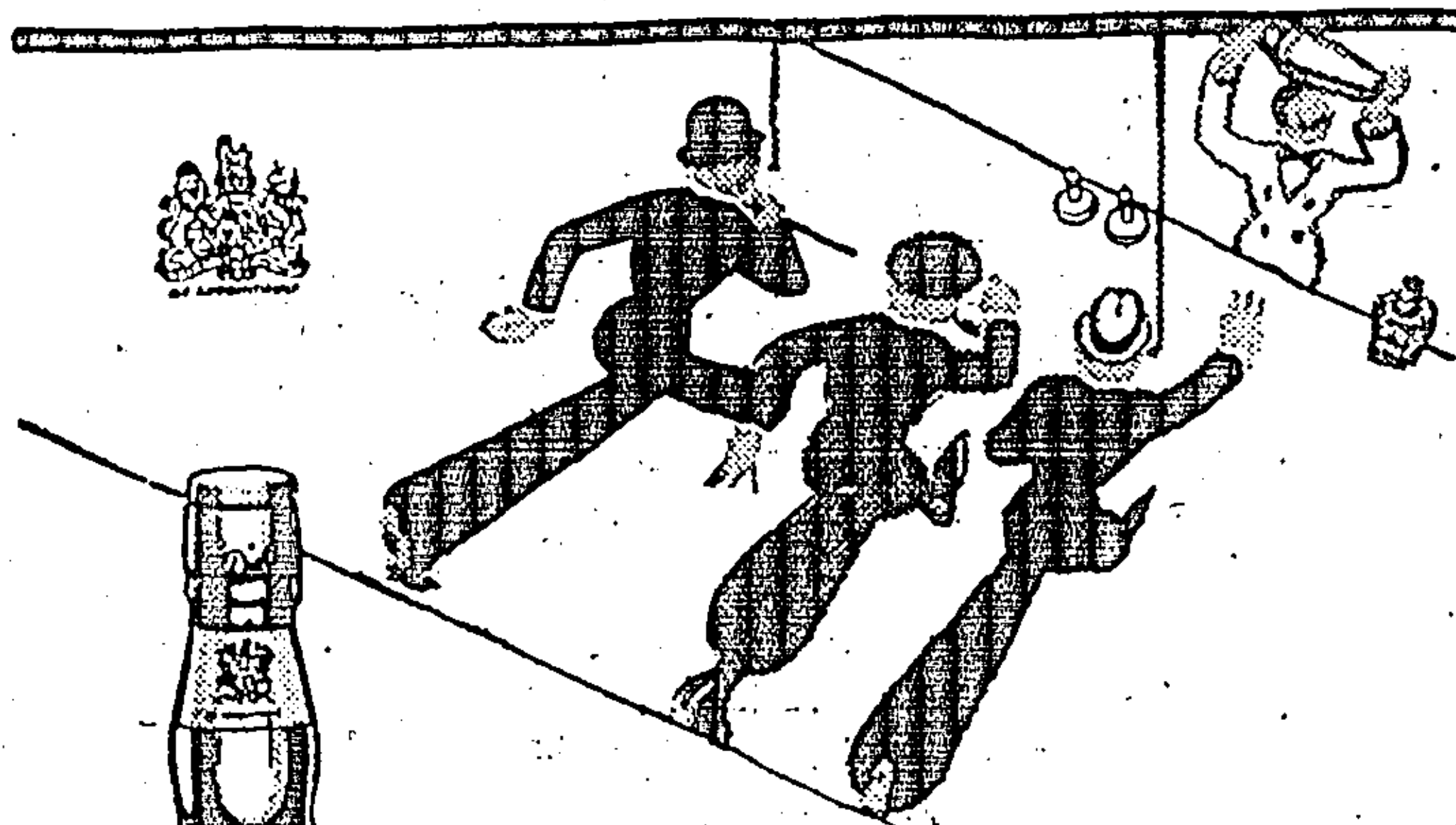


By BEST BALL

When the clubhead travels low along the ground as it approaches the ball, swishing over the tops of the grass blades, there seems to be a better chance of contracting the ball accurately. With the flatter arc, club parallel to the ground, the clubhead may hit the ball anywhere within this area with fair results, provided it is also travelling straight ahead along the line of flight. For this reason it is essential to keep the clubhead at right angles to the ball at this point.

At the present moment Sam Snead is an exponent of this method of hitting and Sam's shots are comparable to Jimmy Thomson's in length. Bob Jones used a somewhat similar method, in fact was one of the first to advocate this straight-in-the-back method of hitting the ball off the tee. But Jones could change this arc to conform to the shot he faced. Snead on the other hand still needs a more upright swing on the shorter strokes, where the clubhead must come down on the ball sharply to add the necessary spin.

Friday.—Curling A Slice.



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CHINESE EXTENDED
IN CHARITY GAMELee Wai-Tong Well
Held By SheehanHussain Plays Soundly
At Right Half

THOUGH THE COMBINED Chinese yesterday defeated the Association team by 3 goals to 1 in the charity game at the Valley in aid of the British Fund for the Relief of distress in China they were nevertheless given much sterner opposition than they have been wont to receive in exhibition and charity games.

The Chinese forward line combined well but the robust tackling of the Rest defenders, aided by a fair amount of luck, frustrated several scoring efforts.

Lee Wai-tong indulged in some pretty play but had the continual attention of Sheehan who played his first game in the Colony as a pivot. Lee did not have any luck with his shots as most of them were smothered by the backs.

Fung King-cheong was a bagful of tricks and made most of the openings for the other forwards but they were not able to turn opportunities to account.

FINE CUSTODIAN

Drake in the Rest goal gave a splendid display and it is remarkable that more recognition has not been given of this player. Bone and Blackburn were a pair of good backs while Hussain at right half played a hard game and prevented Hau Ching-to from being dangerous.

Honniball at left half had a hard task against Yeung Shui-yick and Fung King-cheong but did well.

In the forward line the three inside forwards were hard workers but there was little understanding between them and Gosano was forced to drop far behind to get the ball. Thorburn showed some good touches and passed well to his winger.

Emberson sent over some good centres when in possession while E. Strange on the left wing did not have an easy afternoon against Lee Tin-sang and Yeung Tse-cheong.

Though the Chinese scored three goals there was nothing typical of those witnessed in other games. All were the result of bad positioning on the part of the Association defenders.

The Chinese indulged in too much inter-passing with the result that the

opposing defenders were able to close in and obtain possession. Yeung Shui-yick was the only player who resorted to long swinging passes and centres while Hau Ching-to was inclined to leave his position.

Leung Wing-chiu in the pivotal position held the intermediate line well and kept his forwards well plied with passes.

Tam Kwan-kon did not have much to do in goal.

THE PLAY

The Chinese took a long time before they opened the scoring through Yeung Shui-yick who culminated a run down the wing with a low shot.

In the second period Hau Ching-to scored from a centre by Yeung Shui-yick and shortly after Fung King-cheong scored the third goal for the Chinese.

A good pass by Fowler found Emberson in possession and he netted with a fast grounder.

The gate was very satisfactory and netted a gross figure of over \$2,600.

The Rest: — Jackson (Middlesex), Blackburn (Police), Bone (Club), Hussain (St. Joseph), Bright (Middlesex), Honniball (St. Joseph), Emberson (Ordinance), Thorburn (Navy), Fowler (Club), Gosano (St. Joseph), (Captain) and Strange (Club).

Combined Chinese: — Tam Kwan-kon (S. China), Lee Tin-sang (S. China), Lee Kwok-wai (S. China), Yeung Tze-tsang (Kwong Wah), Leung Wing-chiu (S. China), Soong Ling-sing (S. China), Yeung Shui-yick (S. China), Fung King-cheong (S. China), Lee Wai-tong (S. China), (Captain), Lau Shui-wing (S. China), and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

CRICKET

T. A. PEARCE OPENS
SEASON BRILLIANTLY

THE BRILLIANT all-round form of T. A. Pearce, some useful bowling by N. D. Lloyd and D. J. N. Anderson and the pathetic form of Kowloon Cricket Club batsmen were the features of the first "big" cricket match of the season played yesterday at Hong Kong Cricket Club.

The Island team were overwhelmingly superior in all departments and won convincingly by 115 runs.

T. A. Pearce, skipper of the H.K.C.C. side won the toss and elected to bat in sultry weather and on a badly over-watered wicket that, at the outset, gave bowlers no assistance whatever.

K.C.C., however, met with early success when L. T. Ride, who went in first with J. E. Richardson, was brilliantly held by Baxter at short-leg off Lloyd in the first over of the match.

The visitors then spent an hour leather-hunting. Richardson and T. A. Pearce went to considerable pains to play themselves in but having done so, treated all the bowling with the utmost contempt.

Richardson had more of the bowling and dominated the scoring, reaching his 50, by means of powerful hooking, in 42 minutes, when 78 runs were on the board.

TIMING DIFFICULTIES

Without further addition to his score, however, he was clean bowled by Baxter. The outgoing batsmen had experienced quite a bit of difficulty in timing his off shots and most of his runs were scored with the hook which the slow wicket made a most profitable stroke.

Joined by Bosanquet, who played little last season, T. A. Pearce displayed his best form. Scoring with delightful shots all round the wicket he took a further 15 minutes to reach his 50, scored out of 125 but a few moments after, in playing his only really bad stroke of the day, he was well caught behind the wicket by A. Zimmerman making his debut for K.C.C.

Pearce was the complete master throughout his innings. One stroke of his which comes to mind, was a brilliant drive through the covers off Lloyd which travelled like a bullet.

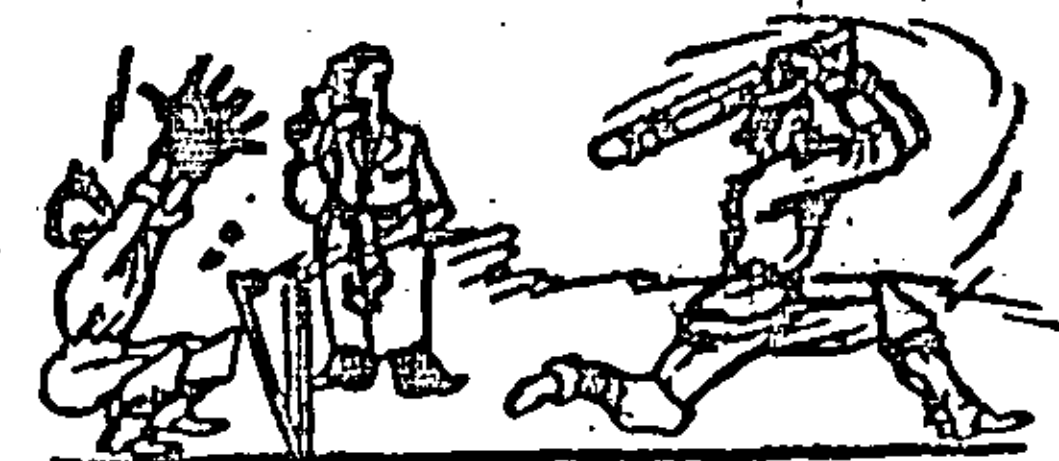
LOOSE BOWLING

Meanwhile Bosanquet took full advantage of some very loose bowling served up by Baxter and Gray and made 39 before giving Baxter, at cover, an easy chance.

John Pearce made a studious 14 but on Lloyd and Anderson being brought on again, the rest of the Cricket Club side were quickly disposed of and under the circumstances, K.C.C. did very well to dismiss their opponents at 1 o'clock for 184 in view of the fact that at one time the score-board read 163 for 4.

Lloyd was the only K.C.C. bowler who appeared to be in practice. He stuck grimly to his task and bowled aggressively throughout, although given no assistance by the wicket.

Anderson also did very well in his second spell after a very poor opening and the roughly deserved his five wickets.



K.C.C. fielding was very good, Broadbridge at cover being especially outstanding.

WEAK BATTING

K.C.C. batting was pathetic, T. A. Pearce's off-spinners proving much too good. Anderson stayed in a long time and looked fairly comfortable but his five runs took him no less than 42 minutes.

Most attractive batting of the innings was seen when Lloyd was associated with A. Zimmerman. Both hit anything overpitched with great severity and at one time a useful stand appeared likely.

Rapley also gave a promising display although only scoring 8 and this recruit should be a decided acquisition.

Pearce's bowling was really magnificent, while McLellan only conceded 17 runs in eight overs whilst taking two wickets.

As the K.C.C. innings terminated at 3.30 both sides batted for an additional hour.

The eight-ball over, introduced for the first time in a senior club match, was a success judging by opinions expressed after the match.

H.K.C.C.

J. E. Richardson, b Baxter	50
L. T. Ride, c Baxter, b Lloyd	0
T. A. Pearce, c Zimmerman, b Lloyd	56
D. I. Bosanquet, c Baxter, b Anderson	39
J. L. C. Pearce, c and b Anderson	14
D. McLellan, b Anderson	1
F. M. L. Haymes, c Anderson, b Lloyd	4
S. O. Else, c and b Lloyd	4
A. E. Perry, not out	11
G. E. R. Divett, c Fincher, b Anderson	0
J. H. Fox, c and b Anderson	1
Extras (B. 2, W.B. 1, N.B. 1)	4

Total 184
Fall of wickets:—1 (Ride) for 1; 2 (Richardson) for 78; 3 (T. A. Pearce) for 133; 4 (Bosanquet) for 163; 5 (J. L. C. Pearce) for 163; 6 (Haymes) for 168; 7 (McLellan) for 168; 8 (S. O. Else) for 172; 9 (Divett) for 173; 10 (Fox) for 184.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lloyd	12	1	43	4
Anderson	9.1	2	58	5
Baxter	4	0	51	1
Gray	2	0	28	0

K.C.C.

D. J. N. Anderson, c and b McLellan	5
N. A. E. Mackay, b T. A. Pearce	2
R. T. Broadbridge, c Perry, b McLellan	5
K. M. Baxter, b T. A. Pearce	1
D. Hung, b T. A. Pearce	4
E. C. Fincher, c McLellan, b T. A. Pearce	0
W. L. Lapley, c and b T. A. Pearce	8
A. Zimmerman, c J. L. C. Pearce, b T. A. Pearce	13
N. D. Lloyd, c and b T. A. Pearce	17
T. A. Madar, not out	4
S. A. Gray, b T. A. Pearce	0
Extras (B. 10)	10

Total 69
Fall of wickets:—1 (Mackay) for 3; 2 (Broadbridge) for 12; 3 (Baxter) for 10; 4 (Hung) for 27; 5 (Fincher) for 27; 6 (Anderson) for 27; 7 (Rapley) for 45; 8 (Zimmerman) for 58; 9 (Lloyd) for 69; 10 (Gray) for 69.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McLellan	8	2	17	2
T. A. Pearce	9.6	2	25	8
Perry	2	0	17	0

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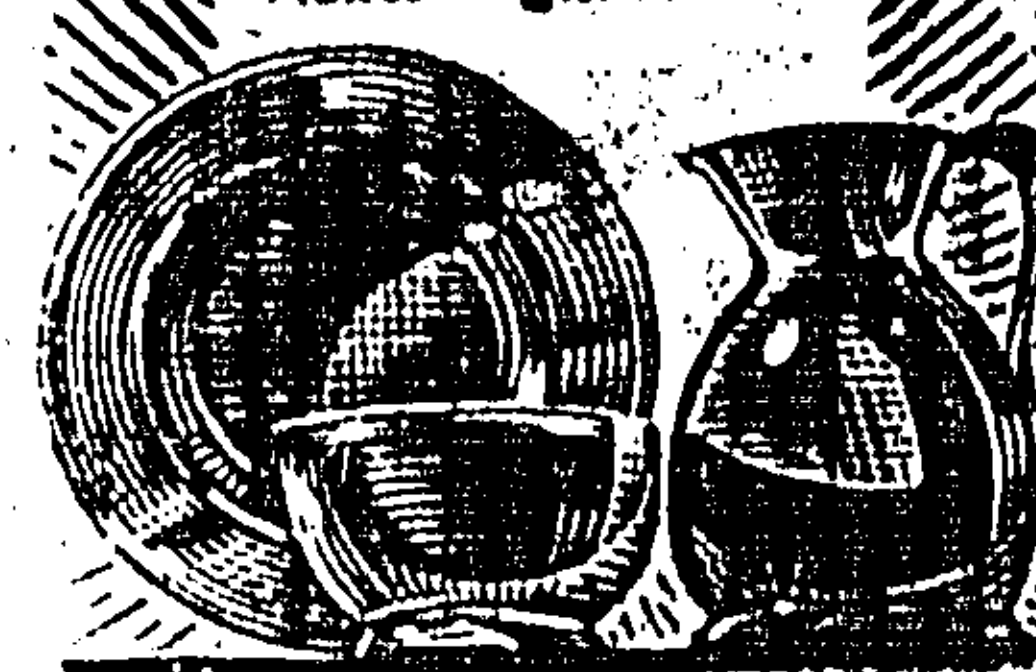
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PROSPECTIVE REVENUE IN 1940/1941

As last year, the revenue for 1940/-1941, which is put at \$49,861,470, has been estimated generally on the assumption that the economic activity of the Colony will be maintained at not far short of its present level. This may prove to be over-optimistic, especially since the outbreak of war, but the whole outlook is at present so uncertain that no other firm basis for estimating the revenue presents itself. Account has been taken of increased yields due to the higher assessment and of certain other increased receipts, e.g. royalties from the Tramway Co., but no allowance is made for possible increases of taxation on the lines laid down by the Taxation Committee, which it may be necessary to impose if conditions worsen.

Following are interesting comparative figures:

	1939 Revised Estimate	1940/41 Estimate
Liquor Duties	1,750,000	2,100,000
Motor Spirit Duty	1,250,000	1,500,000
Tobacco Duty	5,900,000	7,000,000
Rates	6,800,000	9,303,100
Estate Duty	1,250,000	1,500,000
Stamp Duties	2,400,000	3,000,000
Water	2,100,000	2,785,000
Post Office	3,138,000	8,995,500
K.C.R.	982,790	1,148,400

EXPENDITURE IN 1940/41
Expenditure for 1940/41 is estimated at \$50,188,178.

The major increases over the 1939 Estimates (after allowing for the normal 25% increase in view of the fifteen month period covered by the 1940/1941 Estimates), and the reasons

for them, are—

Charitable Service; \$224,740, increased grants to the Tung Wah Hospitals and for relief of refugees.

H.K.V.D.C. \$107,303, increased members and equipment.

Air Raid Precautions; \$689,046, completion of equipment programme.

Medical Department; \$490,375, increased staff and more patients.

Miscellaneous Services; \$320,704.

Special items, 1941 Census \$100,000, Hong Kong Centenary \$140,000, maintenance of Chinese internees \$60,000, partly offset by savings on other items.

Police Force; \$318,303, increased staff.

Post Office (Wireless); \$233,608, new transmitters.

Public Works Recurrent \$111,700 mainly due to transfers from other Heads and new system of accounting.

Sanitary Department; \$117,182, increased staff and maintenance expenses owing to larger population.

Labour Office; \$92,431, new Head.

Public Works Extraordinary; \$1,368,256.

WORK ON NEW GOVERNMENT HOUSE STOPPED

The programme of Public Works Extraordinary, includes provision for the completion or continuation of a number of works now in progress and for the usual items of a more or less recurrent nature.

In view of the uncertain outlook it has been decided to suspend completely all work on the new Government House and no funds for it are to be provided in 1940/1941.

Provision is included for the starting of certain other new buildings including the Infectious Diseases Hospital, a new Queen's College, Health Centre and a Girls' (Continued at foot of Next Col.)

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Berlin, To-day.

M. Daladier's speech was fully published in the German newspapers.

The official agency comments on the speech and shows the various points which differ from the German viewpoint.—Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

Reports of the wholesale withdrawal of the Japanese forces from Shek-ki cannot be confirmed.

It is, however, learned that owing to constant street-attacks, the Japanese main forces have withdrawn from the city and are encamping on the outskirts.

Some 1,000 troops of Korean and Formosan extract, have been entrusted with the garrison of the town.

The Chinese claim to have re-occupied several villages around Shek-ki and to have entered the city yesterday.—Our Own Correspondent.

Reformatory.

As before, all new works connected with the Water Undertaking are being charged to Loan Account.

HIGHEST ON RECORD

The total estimated expenditure of \$50,188,178, even after allowing for the extra 3 months covered by the Estimates, is higher than any on record, but if the estimates are realized the surplus of assets will remain at 31st March, 1941, substantially above the figure of \$10,000,000 which has been regarded as a proper reserve.

It is true to repeat the statement made last year that the increases in expenditure, where they are not either automatic or forced upon the Government by the current exceptional circumstances, are no more than an attempt to meet needs which have long been recognized as urgent. After deducting extraordinary expenditure (Special Expenditure and P.W.E.), expenditure amounts to only \$44,521,304 and is within the ordinary recurrent revenue.

LOAN EXPENDITURE

New expenditure proposed to be met from loan is almost entirely Water Works expenditure, but includes provision for preliminary investigations into the extension of the Aerodrome.

This may eventually be a very large and costly scheme but plans cannot be prepared until the preliminary investigation is completed.

It is the intention to finance all new capital expenditure on water from loan for the present.

Authority will be sought for the advance of \$1,401,086 for the continuance of works already authorized under loan account; and it is proposed to charge also further works of a total estimated cost of \$180,000, of which the whole \$180,000 will, it is estimated, be spent in 1940/1941 and will be met for the time being by advances from surplus balances.

Tallin, To-day.

The first thousand Germans to leave Esthonia are boarding a German steamer to-day to return to the Reich.

Other ships are waiting and thousands of Germans are assembled here waiting to depart.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

M. Daladier's speech left all his hearers with the impression that the paramount task of the nation is the prosecution of the war.—Reuter.

Riga, To-day.

Fourteen German ships have arrived at Riga, Libau and other Latvian ports to evacuate 60,000 Germans who are being repatriated.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

That France will continue the fight unless and until Hitler can devise a system of guarantees that will absolutely convince the Allies that Germany is ready to abandon aggression finally is the first interpretation of M. Daladier's speech.—Reuter.

Chungking, To-day.

Ten bombs were dropped on Chengtu yesterday by Japanese planes. No material damage was suffered and no lives lost.

It is understood that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had not yet left for Chungking when the raiders paid their visit.—Our Own Correspondent.

Amsterdam, To-day.

Anti-aircraft guns are being placed all along the German side of the Dutch frontier, according to travellers. British air attacks on the German industrial districts in West Germany and the Ruhr are presumably feared.—Reuter.

New York, To-day.

Economic nationalism is "the most prolific breeder of wars," declared President Roosevelt in a message to the National Foreign Trade Convention.

He added that liberal trade principles and practices were essential to "a truly just and enduring peace settlement when the present conflict has ended."—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The men and machines of the Royal Air Force on the Western Front still await their first real action with the enemy, says Reuter's Special Correspondent with the R.A.F. in France.

Bomber and fighter squadrons now distributed among heavy camouflaged aerodromes behind the line patiently await orders to attack.

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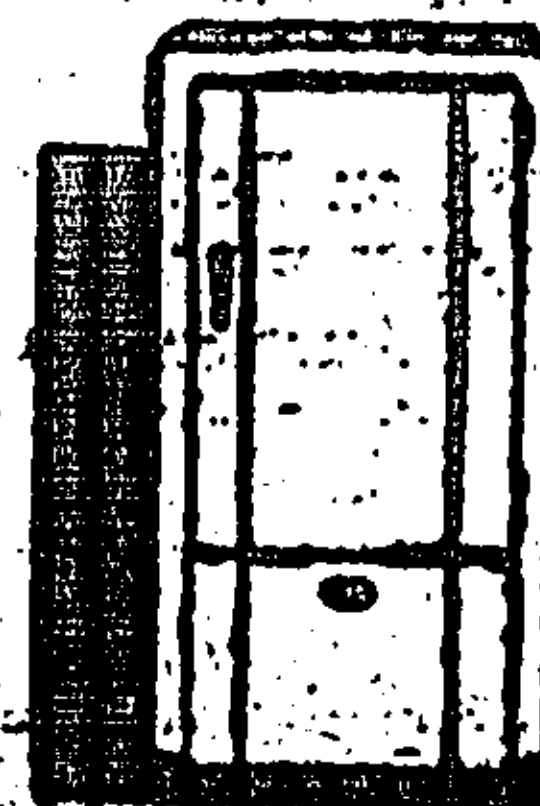
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